

Common questions about registration requirements for registered Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators

The laws detailing the below requirements can be found in Florida State Statute **775.21** and **943.0435**

Common definitions:

"Internet Identifier" means any designation, moniker, screen name, username, or other name used for self-identification to send or receive social Internet communication (see s. 775.21(2) (m), F.S. for definition of "social Internet communication"). Internet identifier does not include a date of birth, social security number, personal identification number (PIN), or password. A sexual offender's or sexual predator's use of an Internet identifier that discloses his or her date of birth, social security number, personal identification number (PIN), password, or other information that would reveal the identity of the sexual offender or sexual predator waives the disclosure exemption in this paragraph for such personal information.

"Permanent residence" means a place where I abide, lodge, or reside for **3** or more consecutive days.

"Professional License" means the document of authorization or certification issued to me by an agency of this state for a regulatory purpose, or by any similar agency in another jurisdiction for a regulatory purpose, for me to engage in an occupation or carry out a trade or business.

"Temporary residence" means a place where I abide, lodge, or reside, including, but not limited to, vacation, business, or personal travel destinations in or out of this state, for a period of 3 or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year and which is not my permanent address or, if my permanent residence is not in this state, a place where I am employed, practice a vocation, or am enrolled as a student for any period of time in this state.

"Transient residence" means a county where I live, remain, or am located for a period of **3** or more days in the aggregate during a calendar year and which is not my permanent or temporary address. The term includes, but is not limited to, a place where I sleep or seek shelter and a location that has no specific street address.

"Vehicles owned" means any motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01, which is registered, co-registered, leased, titled, or rented by me; a rented vehicle that I am authorized to drive; or a vehicle for which I am insured as a driver. The term also includes any motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01, which is registered, co-registered, leased, titled, or rented by a person or persons residing at my permanent residence for 5 or more consecutive days.

Registration requirements:

Establishing a residence / requirement to register after being released from DOC

1. Within 48 hours of establishing or maintaining a residence in this state, or release from custody and/or supervision of the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), I MUST report **in person** to the local sheriff's office to register my temporary, transient, or permanent address and other information specified in statute. If I am convicted of an offense that requires registration and am not under custody and/or supervision of DOC I must report **in person** to the sheriff's office in the county of conviction within 48 hours of the conviction. {F.S. 943.0435(2)(a); 775.21(6)(e)}.

FAILURE TO REPORT AS REQUIRED IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Miscellaneous information required to be registered

2. At registration, I MUST provide the following information to the department: name; date of birth; social security number; race; sex; height; weight; tattoos or other identifying marks; hair and eye color; photograph; all home telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers; all electronic mail addresses, Internet identifiers, and each Internet identifier's corresponding website homepage or application software name; address of all permanent and legal residences; address of any current temporary residence; any transient residence within the state; address, location, description and dates of any current or known future temporary residence within the state or out of state; occupation and place of employment; make, model, color, vehicle identification number (VIN), and license tag number of all vehicles owned; date and place of each conviction; fingerprints; palm prints; and a brief description of the crime or crimes committed. I must also produce my passport (if I have one). If I am an alien, I must produce or provide information about documents establishing my immigration status. I must also provide information about all professional licenses I have. {F.S. 943.0435(2)(b); 775.21(6)(a)1.}.

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Driver's License / Identification Card Requirements

3. Within 48 hours after the initial registration of information as required in #2 above, I MUST report **in person** to the driver license office of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and provide proof of initial registration as a sexual offender or predator to secure or renew a valid Florida driver license or identification card displaying one of the following designations: "**SEXUAL PREDATOR**" or "**943.0435, F.S.**" unless a driver license or identification card with such designation was previously secured or updated. I must submit to the taking of a photograph for use by the department in maintaining current records of sexual offenders/predators. {F.S. 943.0435(3); 775.21(6)(f)}.

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN, ACQUIRE, OR RENEW A DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD AS REQUIRED IS

A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to register electronic mail addresses or Internet Identifiers

4. **Within 48 hours after using any electronic mail address or Internet identifier, I MUST report** it using the online system maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or in person at the sheriff's office. OR, if I am on supervision with the Florida DOC or DJJ, this information MUST be reported to my probation officer before using such electronic mail addresses or Internet identifiers. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(e)1.; 775.21(6)(g)5.a.}.

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More Driver's License / Identification Card Requirements

5. Each time my driver license or identification card is subject to renewal, or within 48 hours after any change in my permanent, temporary, or transient residence or change in name made by marriage or other legal process, I MUST report **in person** to a driver license office to update my driver license or identification card and ensure that the driver license or identification card displays the designations as identified in #3 above. If I am unable to secure or update a driver license or identification card with DHSMV, I must also report any change of my residence or name within 48 hours after the change to the sheriff's office in the county where I reside or am located and provide confirmation that I reported the information to DHSMV. These reporting requirements do NOT negate the requirement for me to obtain a Florida driver license or identification card as required by this section. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(a); 775.21(6)(g)1.}.

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN, ACQUIRE, OR RENEW A DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD AS REQUIRED IS

A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to register certain higher education enrollment, employment or volunteer status

6. If I am enrolled or employed, whether for compensation or as a volunteer at an institution of higher education in Florida, I MUST provide the name, address and county of each institution including each campus attended, and my enrollment, volunteer, or employment status. Each change in enrollment, volunteer, or employment status, i.e. commencement or termination, MUST be reported using the online system maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or in person at the sheriff's office within 48 hours after any change in status. OR, if I am on supervision with the Florida DOC or DJJ, this information MUST be reported to my probation officer within 48 hours after any change in status. {F.S.943.0435(2)(b)2.; 943.0435(14)(c)2.; 775.21(6)(a)1.c.; 775.21(8)(a)2.}.

FAILURE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION WITHIN 48 HOURS IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to register phone numbers

7. I MUST report all changes to home telephone numbers and cellular telephone numbers, including added and deleted numbers within 48 hours of any change in the information using the online system maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or in person at the sheriff's office. OR, if I am on supervision with the Florida DOC or DJJ, this information MUST be reported to my probation officer within 48 hours of any change. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(e)2.;775.21(6)(g)5.b.}

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Requirement to register employment information

8. I MUST report all changes to employment information within 48 hours of any change in the information using the online system maintained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or in person at the sheriff's office. OR, if I am on supervision with the Florida DOC or DJJ, this information MUST be reported to my probation officer within 48 hours of any change. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(e)2.; 775.21(6)(g)5.b.}.

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Requirement to register vehicle's owned. See above definition of vehicle's owned

9. I MUST report any changes in vehicles owned within 48 hours in person at the sheriff's office. {F.S. 943.0435(2)(b)3.; 775.21(6)(a)1.d.}.

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Requirement to register upon vacating a residence

10. If I vacate a permanent, temporary, or transient residence, and do not have another permanent, temporary, or transient residence, I MUST report in person to the sheriff's office in the county where I am located within 48 hours. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(b)1.; 775.21(6)(g)2.a.}.

FAILURE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION WITHIN 48 HOURS IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to reregister if vacated a residence and decided to stay

11. If I report that I have vacated a permanent, temporary, or transient residence and then remain at that residence, I MUST report in person within 48 hours to the sheriff's office where I reported vacating my residence. {F.S.943.0435(4)(c); 775.21(6)(g)3.}.

FAILURE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION IS A SECOND DEGREE FELONY.

Notification that all Sexual Offenders/Sexual Predators are subject to address verification by law enforcement

12. I understand that my address may be verified by county, state, or local law enforcement agencies. {F.S. 943.0435(6); 775.21(8)}.

Requirement to register move to another jurisdiction or travel plans

13. If I intend on establishing a permanent, temporary, or transient residence in another state, jurisdiction, or country other than the State of Florida, I MUST report **in person** to the sheriff's office in the county of my current residence within 48 hours before the date that I intend to leave this state to establish residence in another state, or jurisdiction, or at least 21 days before my planned departure date if the intended residence of 5 days or more is outside of the United States. I MUST provide the address, municipality, county, state, and country of intended residence. For international travel I MUST also provide my travel information, including, but not limited to, expected departure and return dates, flight number, airport of departure, cruise port of departure, or any other means of intended travel. If I do not know of my travel outside of the United States 21 days before my departure date, then I MUST report **in person** to the sheriff's office in the county of my current residence as soon as possible before my departure. {F.S. 943.0435(7); 775.21(6)(i)}.

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Requirement to reregister if a move was registered and then decided to stay

14. If I intend to establish a permanent, temporary, or transient residence in another state or jurisdiction other than the State of Florida, or another country, and later decide to remain in this state, I MUST report **in person** to the sheriff's office to which I reported my intention of leaving the state within 48 hours after the intended departure date. {F.S. 943.0435(8); 775.21(6)(j)}.

FAILURE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION IS A SECOND DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to register in person either twice a year or four times a year depending on your designation from FDLE

15. I MUST report in person either two times per year (during the month of my birth and during the 6th month following my birth month) or four times per year (once during the month of my birth and every 3rd month thereafter), depending upon my offense/designation, to the sheriff's office in the county in which I reside or am otherwise located to reregister, unless otherwise notified by FDLE. {F.S. 943.0435(14)(a)-(b); 775.21(8)(a)}.

FAILURE TO REREGISTER AS REQUIRED IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Registration requirements for transient offenders

16. In addition to the registration months listed above, I MUST report in person to the sheriff's office in the county in which I am located within **48 hours** of establishing a transient residence and thereafter must report **in person** every **30 days** to the sheriff's office in the county in which I am located while I maintain a transient residence. I MUST provide the addresses and locations where I maintain a transient residence. {F.S. 943.0435(4)(b)2.; 775.21(6)(g)2.b.}.

FAILURE TO REPORT IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirements for out of state offenders to register Florida work or school information

17. If I live in another state, but work or attend school in Florida, I MUST register my work or school address as a temporary address within 48 hours by reporting in person to the local sheriff's office. {F.S. 943.0435(2)(a); 943.0435(2)(b)2.; 943.0435(14)(c)2.; 775.21(6)(a)1.c.; 775.21(6)(e)1.; 775.21(8)(a)2.}.

FAILURE TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

Requirement to respond to any address verification correspondence from FDLE

18. I MUST respond to any address verification correspondence from FDLE within three weeks of the date of the correspondence. {F.S. 943.0435(14)(c)4.; 775.21(10)(a)}.

FAILURE TO RESPOND AS REQUIRED IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY

Requirement to register out of state employment, vocation or residency

19. If I am employed in, carry on a vocation in, am a student in, or become a resident of another state or jurisdiction, I am on notice that I may have a requirement to register under the laws of that state.

Possible federal penalties for violations involving crossing state lines

20. If I fail to register after crossing state lines I may be in violation of federal law as well as state statutes.

Requirement to register for life in Florida

21. I MUST maintain registration for the duration of my life. {F.S. 943.0435(11); 775.21(6)(l)}.

Violations for knowingly providing false information during registration

22. KNOWINGLY PROVIDING FALSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION BY ACT OR OMISSION IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY. {F.S. 943.0435(14)(c)4; 775.21(10)(a)}.

FDLE online site to register information that is allowed to be registered online:

<https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/ccs>

Residency restrictions for certain Sexual Offenders/Predators

The requirements are complicated and depend on several factors such as the date of the offense, age of the victim, exact crime of conviction and other information.

For more information on the restrictions refer to Florida State Statute 775.215, Palm Beach County Ordinance 2014-020 and any applicable City Ordinance.

IF you have any additional questions please contact the SPOT unit at 561-688-3889 or SPOT@pbso.org