

# Resources and Predatory Offender Fact Sheet

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## Chaska Police Resources

- **Chaska Police Department 411** - Chaska Police Department weekly emailed newsletter and special bulletins. Register to receive the 411 at the Chaska Police Website, [www.Chaskamn.com](http://www.Chaskamn.com), or <http://lists.chaska.net/mailman/listinfo/411newsletter>
- **Public Safety Alerts** - Text and emailed public safety alerts. Register online at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)
- **Crime Mapping** – Online crime mapping showing crime locations, traffic accidents, traffic stops and other police activity for the City of Chaska. Register online at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com)

**For information on the following programs contact: Officer Janke, Community Partnership Specialist at 952-448-4200 or e-mail her at [jjanke@chaskamn.com](mailto:jjanke@chaskamn.com)**

- **Neighborhood Watch**- A group of people living in the same area who want to make their neighborhood safer by working together and in conjunction with local law enforcement to reduce crime and improve their quality of life. Only one yearly meeting and participation in National Night Out is required.
- **Operation Identification**- In the age of technology and possessions that are valuable, it is important to be able to identify your belongings in the event they are stolen but more importantly, to prevent the theft from occurring. Operation ID is one way to accomplish that by first marking all easily stolen valuables in a way that they can be identified as yours and second, displaying the sticker that warns others you have done so. Law enforcement agencies assign numbers to citizens and businesses to mark either with electric engraver, marker or other tool, and then keeping a record of the items in a safe place.
- **AMBER stick**- A portable, electronic device that enables law enforcement to download the profile of a child, vulnerable adult, or a loved one within seconds, including pets. Check out [www.amberstick.com](http://www.amberstick.com) for more information. They retail for \$49.95 and the police department is selling them for \$20.00!
- **Bike Registration**- Register your family's bicycles and receive an operation identification sticker for your bike to ensure it's safe return if it is lost or stolen.
- **911 Cell Phone Bank**- FREE cell phones are provided to call 911 for seniors and victims of domestic assault in the community. Drop off your old cell phone with charger and accessories and it will be refurbished and make a difference in someone's life.
- **Car Seat installation and checks**- Did you know that four out of five car seats are installed or used incorrectly? Schedule an appointment to have you car seat checked.
- **Crime Free Multi- Housing**- Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) is a program designed to make multi-family dwellings and single family rental homes safe and desirable places to live. The CFMH Program provides a partnership between police, local property owners/managers, and residents to foster a safe, healthy, crime free community in rental housing. CFMH is pro-property, pro-resident, and anti-crime.

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## Other Resources

- **MN Department of Corrections website** - Provides information about level 3 predatory offenders, crime victim resources and offender information. <http://www.doc.state.mn.us/>
- **MN Department of Public Safety BCA website** – Provides information about the Minnesota Predatory Offender Registry and answers frequently asked questions. <https://por.state.mn.us/>
- **MN BCA Predatory Offender Registry Offender Search website** - Allows the public to search the BCA database for non-compliant offenders by name. <https://por.state.mn.us/OffenderSearch.aspx>
- **Dru Sjodin Nationals Sex Offenders Public website** – Allows for national searches for obtain information on predatory offenders. <http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx>
- **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children website** – Provides a great deal of personal and family safety information and allows for online reporting of missing or exploited children online. [http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PublicHomeServlet?LanguageCountry=en\\_US](http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PublicHomeServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US)
- **Polly Klaas Foundation website** – Provides information and resources for child and internet safety. <http://www.klaaskids.org/>
- **National Center for Missing Adults website** – Operates as a national clearinghouse for missing adults. <http://www.theyaremissd.org/ncma/index.php>
- **US Department of Justice Amber Alert website** – Provides information about the Amber Alert Program, a system for law enforcement to quickly notify the public of child abductions. <http://www.amberalert.gov/>

## Frequently Asked Questions (Taken from the MN BCA Predatory Offender website)

### Q: What types of offenses require registration in Minnesota?

The following require registration:

- Criminal Sexual Conduct and Felony Level Indecent Exposure
- Kidnapping and False Imprisonment
- Soliciting a minor to engage in prostitution or sexual conduct
- Using a minor in a sexual performance
- Possession of pictorial representations of minors

### Q: What is a risk level?

- Risk levels are assigned by the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) not the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).
- Risk Levels are assigned to registrants who are released from prison on or after January 1, 1997
- Risk level one indicates the least likelihood to re-offend. Risk level two indicates a moderate likelihood to re-offend. Risk level three indicates high likelihood to re-offend.
- Information about Level 3 offenders is available on the DOC web site.

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### **Q: Why doesn't every registrant have a risk level?**

- Approximately 75% of the offenders registered in Minnesota have never been assigned a risk level.
- Juvenile registrants do not receive risk levels
- Registrants sentenced to probation do not receive risk levels
- Registrants that were released from a Minnesota prison prior to January 1, 1997, did not receive risk levels.
- Prior to July 1, 2005, risk levels could not be assigned to registrants from other states unless they were released to Minnesota directly from a prison in another state.

### **Q: How long are offenders required to register?**

- All registrants are required to register for a minimum period of 10 years or the duration of probation, whichever is longer.
- Some registrants are required to register for life.
- Convictions for Failure to Register violations result in 5 additional years of registration.

### **Q: What causes a registrant to be non-compliant?**

- Failure to report changes in primary address, secondary addresses, employment, school or vehicles that are owned or operated.
- Failure to return Verification Forms.
- Registrants from other states who enter Minnesota to live, work, or attend school and fail to register with the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction where they are living, working or attending school.
- Registrants from other states who visit Minnesota for longer than 14 days and fail to register with the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction where they will be staying.

### **Q: What are the consequences for offenders who fail to register?**

- Each conviction for Failure to Register results in an additional 5 years being added to the subject's registration period.
- First time convictions are subject to a prison sentence of 1 year and 1 day.
- Subsequent convictions for Failure to Register may result in a minimum two-year prison sentence.
- Any period of incarceration will result in the 10-year registration period starting over upon release from incarceration.

### **Q: Why doesn't every offender on this web site have a probation officer listed?**

- Registration periods are frequently longer than the probation period. For example a registrant, who is sentenced to 5 years probation, has a 10-year minimum period of registration. This means that during the last 5 years of registration, the registration will not be supervised by a corrections agent.
- Additionally, lifetime registrants will register for a significant period of time when they will not be supervised by a corrections agent.

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### **Q: Are registrants allowed to have contact with children?**

- There are no provisions in M.S. § 243.166, Minnesota's registration law, which prohibit registered offenders from having contact with minors.
- Restricting contact with minors is frequently a condition of the registrant's probation or parole; however, if the person is no longer on probation or parole, those restrictions are no longer effective. Inquiries regarding a registrant's conditions of release should be directed to the registrant's probation or parole officer.

### **Q: Can registrants live near a school or daycare center?**

- There are no provisions in M.S. § 243.166, Minnesota's registration law, which prohibit registered offenders from living in the vicinity of a school or daycare.
- Restricting a registrant's residency can be a condition of the registrant's probation or parole; however, if the person is no longer on probation or parole, those restrictions are no longer effective. Inquiries regarding a registrant's residency restrictions should be directed to the registrant's probation or parole officer.
- While there is not a State law regarding residency restrictions for registered offenders, some cities have passed local ordinances. Citizens with questions regarding their local ordinances should contact their local City Hall or Police Department.