

REGISTERED OFFENDERS

The purpose of this is to provide the public information about notification of registered offenders. Offenders are required to register if they have been convicted of a certain crimes against children or an attempted crime against a child, or have a conviction for certain sexual offenses. Law Enforcement is required to disclose to the public relevant and necessary information about registered offenders.

These offenders are assigned a "risk level". This level assigned is either "High", "Moderate", or "Low". This level is based on the likely hood to reoffend. Typically the public notification is done according to the "risk level". For example:

"HIGH" – full public release including news releases to media and a community meeting

"MODERATE" – Notifying groups the offender may target or be involved in such as schools or daycares.

"LOW" – Notify victims and witnesses.

Again these are only examples of types of notifications that may occur. Another factor is the age of the offender, as juvenile offenders are also required to register and are assigned a "risk level", but a notification may be different than an adult.

Hopefully this will answer some questions of who has to register and why, and why hasn't there been any public notification. This agency will provide a full public release for any "high risk" offenders living in the community.

The following link will take you to the ND SEX OFFENDER web page, where people can search their community for registered offenders:

<http://www.sexoffender.nd.gov/>

You can click on the "Printable list of all offenders" box and search either the city or county. It will list a PDF document of adult and high risk offenders.