1.3.C.12 Sex Offender Registration

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II Policy:

Sex offenders must register within the State of South Dakota, as required by SDCL § 22-24B-2.

III Definitions:

Attends School and Attends Classes:
Per SDCL § 22-24B-2, the terms “attends school”, and “attends classes” applies to any person who is enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis in any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade, professional institution or institution of higher education (See SDCL 22-24B-4).

Business Day:
For purposes of this policy, a business day is any calendar day except Sunday or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Pioneers' Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day (See SDCL §§ 37-24-1(2) and 22-24B-1.1).

Calendar Day:
For the purposes of this policy, a calendar day is any day within a given week, including weekends and holidays.

Offender:
For the purpose of this policy, an offender is an inmate in the custody of the Department of Corrections' institutional system, a federal detainee in the custody of the DOC institutional system, a parolee under parole or suspended sentence supervision by South Dakota Parole Services or a juvenile committed to the DOC.

Sex Offender:
For the purpose of this policy only, a sex offender is:

1. Any adult offender convicted of a sex crime listed in SDCL § 22-24B-1 or adjudicated as a juvenile for SDCL § 22-24B-1 (1) or of an out-of-state or federal offense that is comparable to the elements of the crime of rape or any crime committed in another state, if the state also requires a juvenile adjudicated of that crime to register as a sex offender in that state. This (includes verdict or plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere and suspended imposition of sentence which has not been discharged pursuant to
SDCL § 23A-27-14 before July 1, 1995 (also see SDCL § 22-24B-2) (See Attachment 1), regardless of the offense date or date of conviction; or

2. Any juvenile offender fourteen years of age or older at the time of the offense, adjudicated of rape, as defined in subdivisions SDCL § 22-24B-1(1), or of an out-of-state or federal offense that is comparable to the elements of the crime of rape, or any crime committed in another state if the state also requires a juvenile adjudicated of that crime register as a sex offender in that state. The term adjudicated includes a court's finding of delinquency, an admission and a suspended adjudication of delinquency which has not been discharged pursuant to SDCL § 26-8C-4 before July 1, 2009; or

3. Any person with a foreign criminal conviction which requires the person to register either as a sex offender pursuant to SDCL § 22-24B-2, or pursuant to the law of the state where the conviction took place, or pursuant to any court order, is required to register within three (3) business days of their arrival in South Dakota (See SDCL § 22-24B-31).

Work Defined:
SDCL § 22-24B-3, as used in SDCL § 22-24B-2, the term, work, includes employment that is full-time or part-time for a period of time exceeding fourteen days or for an aggregate period of time exceeding thirty days during any calendar year, whether financially compensated, volunteered or for the purpose of government or educational benefit.

IV Procedures:

1. Sex Offender Registration Requirements:
   A. Sex offenders must complete an initial sex offender registration (located on the South Dakota Sex Offender Registration website) within three (3) business days of coming into any county to reside, temporarily domicile, attend school, classes or to work, unless the move is the result of a DOC initiated transfer between facilities (See SDCL § 22-24B-2). Violation is a Class 6 felony.
   B. Sex offenders are required to complete the verification form sent out by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) at least annually, pursuant to SDCL § 22-24B-5, and return the form to DCI within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the form. Violation is a Class 6 felony.

      Note: Verification forms are not sent to incarcerated sex offenders.

   C. Any sex offender required to register, pursuant to SDCL § 22-24B-2, who is employed, carries on a vocation or attends postsecondary classes at an institution of higher education or technical institute, shall, within three business days of commencement or termination of such employment or enrollment, report to the police or county sheriff where the institution is located and complete a registration form. Violation is a class 6 felony.

      1. The registration update must take place within three (3) business days of any commencement of work or attending classes, and within three (3) business days of termination of such enrollment, employment or a change in employer (See SDCL § 22-24B-6).

      2. The sex offender must report to the chief of police of the town/city where he/she is employed and/or enrolled, or if there is no chief of police, the county sheriff where the employment or educational institution is located.

      Note: Sex offenders are required to simultaneously register in multiple counties if they reside and work in multiple counties.
D. Sex offenders on supervised release are required to update his/her registry every six (6) months in the same manner as the initial registration (See SDCL § 22-24B-7).

E. A sex offender on supervised release who moves to a different location or residence address must provide written notification of his/her new location or address to the law enforcement agency with whom he/she last registered, within three (3) business days (See SDCL § 22-24B-12).

F. Sex offenders shall report, within three business days, any change in the registration status of a vehicle he/she owns to the chief of police or sheriff. Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

2. Sex Offender Registration:

A. During the admission/intake process, DOC staff will complete a NCIC III for each offender received at a DOC facility. The report shall be reviewed to determine if the offender is required to register, consistent with SDCL §§ 22-24B-1 to 22-24B-14 (See DOC policy 1.1.E.5 Inmate Criminal History).

1. If an offender is identified as being required to register as a sex offender, pursuant to SDCL §§ 22-24B-1 to 22-24B-14, DOC staff will ensure the sex offender submits the required registrations to the Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) within three business days of admission to the facility or commitment to the DOC (See SDCL § 22-24B-30 and the section on Sex Offender Registration Requirements).

B. If it is confirmed by DOC staff that an offender is currently registered with the South Dakota Sex Offender Registry, staff will update the registry as necessary.

Note: The sex offender must be present during the update so their fingerprint(s) can be obtained.

1. For adult offenders, Central Records staff will provide the designated institutional staff member with the name of the offender required to complete or update information within the Sex Offender Registry.

   a. The staff member will ensure the updates are completed and copies sent to DOC Central Records to be maintained in the offender’s legal file.

2. The Director of Juvenile Services or designee will provide the Juvenile Corrections Agents (JCA) with the name of any juvenile sex offender assigned to the JCA so the JCA can update the sex offender registration.

   a. Each JCA will track compliance with the updated registration requirements for juvenile sex offenders assigned to their caseload. All registration updates will be included on the JCA’s month-end report.

C. If the sex offender is not registered with the South Dakota Sex Offender Registry, adult institution staff or the JCA will complete the required initial registration on the Sex Offender Registration website.

1. Central Records staff will provide designated adult institution staff with the name of any sex offender required to complete the sex offender registration.

   a. The staff member will ensure the registration is completed and copies sent to Central Records to be maintained in the offender’s legal file.

   b. All initial registrations submitted to the SD Sex Offender Registration website will include finger and palm prints and a current photo of the offender.
2. The Director of Juvenile Services or designee will provide the JCA with the name of any juvenile sex offender required to register with local law enforcement.
   
a. Each JCA will track compliance with the registration of sex offenders on their caseload and will forward the information to their respective supervisor, who will include all registrations their month end report to the Director of Juvenile Services.

3. Information Required During Sex Offender Registration:

   A. Registration will include the following information if the sex offender is currently under DOC supervised release (parole, suspended sentence, Community Transition Program (CTP), extension of confinement, juvenile aftercare or secondary placement programs) (See SDCL § 22-24B-8).

      1. Name and all aliases used.
      2. A complete physical description, to include photographs, fingerprints and palm prints.
      3. Current residence, the length of time at that residence (including the date the residence was established), and the length of time expected to remain at that residence.
      4. Sex crime conviction(s).
      5. The date of commission and the date of conviction of any sex crime committed.
      7. Driver license number and state of issuance.
      8. Whether or not the offender is receiving or has received any sex offender treatment.
      9. Employer name, address and telephone number or school name, address and telephone number.
     10. Length of employment or length of attendance at school.
     11. Occupation or vocation.
     12. Vehicle license plate number of any vehicle owned by the offender.
     13. Information identifying any internet/social media accounts of the offender as well as any user names, screen names, and aliases that the offender uses on the internet/social media.
     14. A listing of all felony convictions, in any jurisdiction, for crimes committed as an adult and sex offense convictions and adjudications subject to sex offender registry provided by the offender and confirmed by the registering agency.
     15. A description of the sex offense (provided by the prosecuting attorney).
     16. Acknowledgement whether the offender is currently an inmate, parolee, juvenile in DOC placement or under aftercare supervision, provided by the offender and confirmed by the DOC or administering body of the correctional facility.
     17. Acknowledgment whether the offender is subject to community safety zone restrictions, provided by the registering agency (See SDCL §§ 22-24B-22, 22-24B-23 and 22-24B-24).
18. The name, address and telephone number of two (2) local contacts that have regular interaction with the offender; and the name, address and telephone number of the offender’s next of kin.

   a. Local contacts may include an offender’s parole agent, JCA, clergy, teacher, neighbor or co-worker.

   b. Next of kin generally includes children, parents, brothers/sisters or grandparents; however, in the absence of next of kin, other known relatives of the offender may be listed as contacts.

19. As deemed appropriate, staff will attempt to confirm whether an offender has a passport or any document establishing immigration status, including the document type and ID number of the passport.

20. Staff will attempt to confirm whether the offender has any professional, occupational, business or trade licenses from any jurisdiction.

B. Sex offender registration will include the following information if the offender is currently in the physical custody of the DOC (includes CTP offenders):

1. Name and all aliases used;

2. A complete physical description- to include photographs, fingerprints and palm prints (palm and finger prints are only needed on the initial registration, not on any re-registration completed by the DOC);

3. Current residence, the date of incarceration, and the length of time expected to remain incarcerated;

4. List of sex crime(s);

5. The date of commission and the date of conviction of the sex crime(s) committed;

6. Social Security number (if known);

7. Driver license number and state of issuance (if available);

8. Whether or not the offender is receiving or has received any sex offender treatment;

9. A listing of all felony convictions committed as an adult and all sex offense convictions and adjudications subject to sex offender registration; and

10. Acknowledgement whether the sex offender is currently an inmate, parolee or juvenile in DOC placement/aftercare supervision.

C. At the time of sex offender’s registration, the registering staff person will collect a DNA sample from the offender and submit the sample to the South Dakota State Forensic Laboratory in accordance with procedures established by the Lab, unless it can be confirmed the sex offender has previously provided and submitted a DNA sample to the State Forensic Laboratory (See DOC policy 1.3.C.10 DNA Collection and SDCL § 22-24B-8).
4. Annual Verification of Sex Offender Information:

A. Annual verification is not necessary for sex offenders who are currently in the physical custody of the DOC.

B. Sex offenders under DOC supervised release (parole, suspended sentence, CTP, juvenile aftercare or secondary placement) are responsible for complying with all requirements of sex offender registration, as required by state and federal law.

C. Verification forms must be completed, signed by the offender required to register and returned to the DCI within ten (10) calendar days after the receipt (See SDCL § 22-24B-5).

5. Updating Sex Offender Registration Information:

A. DOC staff will update the Sex Offender Registry if a sex offender currently in the physical custody of the DOC is transferred to a facility in another county, or custody of the inmate or juvenile is otherwise transferred to another authority (See SDCL § 22-24B-30).

1. DOC staff is not required to notify the Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) if a sex offender is temporarily absent (TAP) because of being out to court or is transferred to another DOC facility for short-term confinement, (generally less than two weeks).

2. DOC staff will notify the DCI immediately if a sex offender escapes, absconds, walks away or is AWOL from DOC custody or supervision (e-mail Peggy Nickerson with DCI at Peggy.Nickerson@state.sd.us).

B. DOC staff will update the registration information of a sex offender required to register by notifying the DCI if the offender’s status changes from an “inmate” to “parolee” (or vice-versa), DOC placement to aftercare (or vice-versa), completes/discharges his/her sentence while on parole/aftercare or is transferred to a different address (does not include temporary residence). DOC staff will notify DCI of the new location/address (See SDCL § 22-24B-30).

C. Sex offenders under DOC supervised release (parole, suspended sentence, Community Transition Program (CTP), extension of confinement or juvenile aftercare) who are required to register, are responsible for updating their registration information, i.e. new address, with DCI.

6. Sex Offender Re-Registration Requirements:

A. It is the responsibility of the sex offender to complete the re-registration if he/she is currently under DOC supervised release.

B. Re-registration for a sex offender under DOC supervised release must take place during the calendar month in which the sex offender was born, and six (6) months following his/her birth month.

C. Re-registration is not required for a sex offender in the physical custody of the DOC.

7. Release of Sex Offenders from DOC Custody:

A. Prior to discharge, parole, release to furlough, work release or similar temporary unsupervised access to the community, DOC staff will inform a sex offender who is required to register pursuant to SDCL §§ 22-24B-1 thru 22-24B-14, of their duty to register and inform them of the community safety zone restrictions pursuant to SDCL § 22-24B-13. This shall include all offenders who are:
1. Discharged or released from a DOC program or facility.

2. Granted a furlough or home visit.

3. Granted Work Release or released to the Community Transition Program.

4. Any other release which results in an offender’s unsupervised access to the community.

B. DOC staff will require the sex offender to read and sign the Duty to Register form (See Attachment 2) acknowledging their duty to register their understanding of the community safety zone restrictions and procedures and registration requirements along with any other forms required by DCI stating the sex offender’s duty to register, community safety zones restrictions and procedure for registration.

C. Copies of the completed forms will be forwarded to Central Records for distribution to the following:

1. The offender.
2. DCI.
3. Law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the offender will reside.
4. State’s Attorney in county where the offender was convicted.

D. DOC staff will obtain the address where the offender plans to reside upon discharge, release, parole, furlough/home visit, work release or similar program outside the facility and shall report the address to the DCI pursuant to SDCL § 22-24B-13.

V Related Directives:

DOC policy 1.1.E.5 -- Inmate Criminal History
DOC policy 1.3.C.10 – DNA Collection

VI Revision Log:
July 2006: New policy
July 2007: Deleted the section on Sex Offender Registration for Offenders Currently in DOC Custody since this was a one-time project that has been completed.
June 2008: Revised formatting of policy in accordance with DOC policy 1.1.A.2 Policy and Operational Memorandum Management. Added hyperlink to “www.nsopr.gov” in subsection (A) and added “Juvenile Corrections Agents” followed by “(JCAs) in subsection (B2) of Sex Offender Registration for Newly Received Offenders section. Added e-mail address for Peggy Nickerson with DCI in subsection (A2 of Updating Sex Offender Registration Information section). Replaced “Division of Criminal Investigation” with “DCI” throughout policy when appropriate. Added SDCL Chapters 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, 22 and 24 in reference to 22-24B and added DOC policy in front of referenced policies within the Related Directives section. Revised other minor grammatical changes and sentence structure throughout policy.
June 2009: Replaced reference to “county residing in” with “State in” ss (B and C) and replaced “re-registration” with “Address Change Form” within ss (B and B1), revised wording regarding forms containing the names of the sex offenders within ss (B1), replaced “re-registration” with “all” in ss (B1a), deleted reference to “re” as it relates to “re-registration” in ss (B1c), added reference to registration prior in another state and added “initial” when referencing registration in ss (C) and revised wording in ss (C1) to reference forms with offenders names all within Sex Offender Registration for Newly Received Offenders. Deleted statement that SS#s are kept on separate confidential form within ss (A6 and B6), added “fingerprints” when referencing initial registering in ss (B2) and deleted reference of county or city jail inmates/detainee within ss (A16 and B1) all within Information Required During Sex Offender...
Registration). Revised ss (C of Release of Sex Offenders from DOC Custody) to reference Duty to Register forms will be forwarded onto Central Records. Added hyperlinks throughout policy and Attachment 1. Deleted repealed policies SDCL 22-22-30.1 and 22-24-1 from Attachment 1 and revised numbering to reflect deletion.

June 2010: Revised formatting of Section 1. Revised #2 of definition of Sex Offender. Added definition of Business Day along with relevant statutes. Replaced form with SD Sex Offender Registration website and replaced 5 with 3 business days, both within ss (A), replaced 5 calendar days with 3 business days within ss (C1) and replaced 5 with 3 business days within ss (E) all within Sex Offender Registration Requirements. Replaced national sex offender registry website with NCIC for prior sex offender registration in ss (A), replaced national sex offender registry with requiring registration in ss (A1), deleted reference to forms, replaced unit staff with institutional staff, revised reference of offenders updating website to staff will update website and added Note regarding offender must be present at time of update all within ss (B and C), revised reporting procedures within ss (B2, B2a, C2 and C2a), added new ss (C2b) regarding JCAs and informing juvenile institutional staff and replaced “re-registration” with “update” as appropriate all within Sex Offender Registration for Newly Received Offenders. Replaced DOC with receiving institutional staff and replaced contacting DCI with updating Sex Offender Registry in ss (A of Updating Sex Offender Registration Information). Added 26-8C-4 within Related Directives section. Revised Attachment 1 with updated statute as of July 1, 2010. Added Attachment 2.

July 2011: Removed "prior to July 1, 2009" from Sex Offender definition. Added “Work” and “Attends School and Attends Classes” to definitions. Deleted “moved into a county” and replaced with “coming into any county to reside, temporarily domicile, attend school, classes or to work” to Section 1 A. Added “location” “address” to Section 1 E. Added “and the sample has been submitted to the State Forensic Laboratory” to Section 3. C. Added “and community safety zone restrictions (see SDCL 22-24B-13) to Section 6 A. Added “community safety zones restrictions” to Section 6 B.

July 2012: Added “or change in employer” to Section 1 B. 1. Added “committed to the DOC” and “within three business days of admission to the facility or commitment to the DOC” to Section 2 A. 1. Deleted “or was registered prior in another state” in Section 2 C. Added “required to register” and “Staff will notify DCI of the date of the change and the address/new location of the offender” in Section 5. B. Deleted “manager” and replaced with “complete” in Section 6 A. Added “This shall include all offenders who are” and added items 1-4 to Section 6 A. 1-4 to Section 6 C.

July 2013: Reviewed with no changes.

June 2014: Added 3. to definition of sex offender. Added D. to Section 7.

June 2015: Added “at the time of the offense” to 2. in the definition of “Sex Offender” Added F. to Section 2. Updated Attachment 1 to include human trafficking.

June 2016: Deleted 2. In Section 2 A. Deleted b. in Section 2 C. 2. Deleted “program outside of the DOC facility” and replaced with “temporary unsupervised access to the community” in Section 7 A. Added “or home visit” to Section 7 A. 2. Added “or placement in CTP” to Section 7 A. 3. Deleted “unescorted” and replaced with “unsupervised” in Section 7 A. 4. Added “understanding of” and added “and any other forms required by DCI stating the duty to register, community safety zones, restrictions and procedure for registration has been explained” to Section 7 B. Added “Copies of” to Section 7 C. Added “release” “home visit” and “or similar program outside the DOC” in Section 7 D.

June 2017: Reviewed with no changes.

June 2018: Reviewed with no changes.

June 2019: Reviewed with no changes.

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Attachment 1: Sex Crimes Requiring Registry

22-24B-1. For the purposes of §§ 22-24B-2 to 22-24B-14, inclusive, a sex crime is any of the following crimes regardless of the date of the commission of the offense or the date of conviction:

1. Rape as set forth in § 22-22-1;
2. Sexual contact with a minor under sixteen as set forth in § 22-22-7 if committed by an adult;
3. Sexual contact with a person incapable of consenting as set forth in § 22-22-7.2;
4. Incest if committed by an adult as set forth in SDCL §§ 22-22A-2 to 22-22A-3.1 inclusive;
5. Possessing, manufacturing, or distributing child pornography as set forth in § 22-24A-3;
7. Sexual exploitation of a minor as set forth in § 22-24-3;
8. Kidnapping, as set forth in § 22-19-1, if the victim of the criminal act is a minor;
9. Promotion of prostitution of a minor as set forth in subdivision 22-23-2(2);
10. Criminal pedophilia as previously set forth in § 22-22-30.1;
11. Felony indecent exposure as previously set forth in former § 22-24-1 or indecent exposure as set forth in § 22-24-1.2;
13. Felony indecent exposure as set forth in § 22-24-1.3;
14. Bestiality as set forth in § 22-22-42;
15. An attempt to commit any of the crimes listed in this section or any conspiracy or solicitation to commit any of the crimes listed in this section;
16. Any crime, court martial offense, or tribal offense committed in a place other than this state that constitutes a sex crime under this section if committed in this state;
17. Any federal crime, court martial offense or tribal offense that would constitute a sex crime under federal law;
18. Any crime committed in another state if that state also requires anyone convicted of that crime register as a sex offender in that state; or
19. If the victim is a minor:
   (a) Any sexual acts between a jail employee and a detainee as set forth in § 22-22-7.6;
   (b) Any sexual contact by a psychotherapist as set forth in § 22-22-28; or
   (c) Any sexual penetration by a psychotherapist as set forth in § 22-22-29;
21. First degree human trafficking as set forth in § 22-49-2 if the victim is a minor; or
22. Second degree human trafficking as set forth in § 22-49-3 involving the prostitution of a minor.
Attachment 2: Duty to Register

The **Duty to Register** form is located at the South Dakota Sex Offender Registry website.

Or it may be accessed at is [https://sor.sd.gov/sdsoia/forms/dutytoregisterform.pdf](https://sor.sd.gov/sdsoia/forms/dutytoregisterform.pdf) by selecting **Duty to Register**.

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**SEX OFFENDER DUTY TO REGISTER**

The sex offender registration laws in SDCL 22-24-1 through 22-24-32 apply to any person who has been convicted (either upon a verdict or a plea of guilty or plea of nolo contendere), or who has received a suspended imposition of sentence that such person was not discharged pursuant to SDCL (22A- 27-14), or a sex crime as defined in SDCL 22-24-1, including convictions for attempt, complicity, or solicitation of sex crimes as defined in SDCL 22-24-1. A foreign crime conviction which requires registration as a sex offender pursuant to the laws of the state where the conviction took place also requires registration in South Dakota within three (3) business days of arrival into this state. The laws apply to any juvenile fourteen (14) years of age or older shall register as a sex offender if that juvenile has been adjudicated of rape as defined in subdivision 22-24-1(3), or of an act of statutory or federal offense that is comparable to the elements of these crimes of rape or any crime committed in another state if that statewide requires a juvenile adjudicated of that crime to register as a sex offender in that state. Registration requires submission of certain information, including the offender’s fingerprints, photograph, signature, driver’s license, and other information.

As an offender must register within three (3) business days of coming into any county to reside, temporarily reside, stay, school, attend post-secondary education classes or work. Any offender registering in this state who is employed, resides, or attends post-secondary classes at an institution of higher education, institution of higher learning or technical institute in this state shall, within these three (3) business days of any commencement or termination of such enrollment, or employment, report to the registrar agency where the institution is located and completes a Registration Update form. The registering agency is the Chief of Police of the municipality where the offender resides, domiciles, attends school, attends post-secondary education class, or works, or, if no Chief of Police exists, then it is the county Sheriff. Any offender registered in South Dakota who plans to work another state to work, only if a road of offender school must comply with that state’s registration requirements as well.

Any change of residence address or location requires the offender to submit, within five (5) days of the move, a Registration Update form to the sex enforcement agency where the offender last registered. An offender registered in South Dakota who moves to another state must notify the registering agency in South Dakota where the offender last registered and provide information of their new address. The offender must also comply with any registration requirements in the new state of residence.

Offenders must register every (6) six months. They are first required to register on their birth month and then required to register on their birth month. Each offender registered in South Dakota must go to the South Dakota sex enforcement agency where the offender last registered. The offender will be sent once a year a non-returnable verification form to their last known address. The offender is required to return the verification form to the Division of Criminal Investigation within 10 days. Failure to comply is a Class E Felony.

Those required to register as sex offenders may not establish a residence or reside within a “community safety zone.” The community safety zone is 500 feet from the facilities and grounds of any school, park, public playground, or public pool. If a sex offender committed a registrable offense in another state, they are subject to the residence restriction distance of that state, if it is greater than SD’s 500 feet rule.

A violation of the registration laws is a Class 5 Felony. Any subsequent violation is a Class 3 Felony.