



RI SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION FACT SHEET

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RHODE ISLAND SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION LAWS

R.I. Gen Laws § 11-37.1 et. Seq.

Under the Rhode Island Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act (RI SORNA) persons convicted of an eligible offense on or after 7/1/1992 are subject to sex offender registration and inclusion in a statewide sex offender registry. Registration may be for a period of ten (10) years or lifetime, depending on the offense or number of convictions. The sex offender registry is maintained by RI State Police.

<https://risp.ri.gov/safety-education/sex-offenders>

In addition to registration, RI SORNA also provides that persons convicted of an eligible offense, in RI or in another jurisdiction, where the offense date is on or after 7/24/1996, are subject to sex offender registration and community notification. This includes persons who reside, work, volunteer or attend school full-time in Rhode Island.

Community Notification in Rhode Island is based on risk level. Risk level refers to risk for sexual recidivism and is determined by a Sex Offender Board of Review (SOBOR) after the board considers objective risk-assessment tool(s) as well as external factors collected from additional materials and documentation.

There are three risk levels under Rhode Island law: Level I (low risk); Level II (moderate risk); Level III (high risk). Persons leveled by the Sex Offender Board may appeal to the Rhode Island Superior Court.

See Parole Board website for more information, SOCN guidelines, and links to statutes and resources <https://paroleboard.ri.gov/>

SEX OFFENDER BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERSHIP

SOBOR is an eight-member board, appointed by the Governor, charged with assessing and assigning a risk for sexual recidivism for sex offenders in the community.

Membership includes experts in the field of the behavior and treatment of sexual offenders by reason of training and experience, victim's rights advocates, and law enforcement representatives. At least one member of the sex offender board of review shall be a qualified child/adolescent sex offender treatment specialist.

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Bonita G. Cade, PhD, JD
Captain Alyssa DeAndrade, JD, MPA, Providence PD
Sarah DeCataldo, MS
Jason C. Lyon, LICSW
Corporal Brian Macera, RI State Police
Jessica Nash, LCSW
Marlene Roberti, MPA
JoAnne Waite, LMFT

SCOPE OF COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Risk level refers to risk for sexual recidivism. Community notification is made by local and state police for those leveled persons living or working in their community:

Level III – High risk. Community Notification is made to law enforcement and individuals and agencies likely to encounter the offender, plus posting to the public website for adult offenders. Victims and case witnesses may receive notification upon request to police.

Level II – Moderate risk. Community Notification is made to law enforcement and agencies likely to encounter the offender, plus posting to the public website for adult offenders. Victims and case witnesses may receive notification upon request to police.

Level I – Low risk. Community Notification is made to law enforcement. Victims and case witnesses may receive notification upon request to police.

CURRENT STATISTICS

MEASUREMENT INDICATOR	FY 22
Number of cases reviewed by SOBOR	128
Percent of cases classified as Level I	23%
Percent of cases classified as Level II	39%
Percent of cases classified as Level III	29%
Number of cases appealed	32