

Upper Arlington Sexual Offender Requirements

A Summary of Upper Arlington's Laws Pertaining to Convicted Sexual Offenders

City of Upper Arlington legislation pertaining to convicted sexual offenders, requires that they register with the City's Police Division if they live and/or work within the City's boundaries. It also "prohibits convicted sexual offenders from living or working within 1,000 feet of any school premises, licensed daycare facility, preschool, public park, swimming pool, library, or playground.

While these laws are designed to help protect families, parents should continue to be aware of and take proactive steps to protect their children from such dangers. The Police Division offers various educational seminars on stranger danger, Internet Predators and other relevant topics, and can direct you to useful resources and websites.

Resident Notification

In addition to the notification requirements within the Ohio Revised Code, residents will be notified by the Police Division within five business days of learning that a convicted Tier III offender resides or works within 1,000 feet of your residence. Such notification will be via hand carried notification, mailing, or electronically. In most circumstances, this notification will be via US Mail.

As part of the notification, you will receive the name, address, crime and an image of the offender, as long as the information is verifiable and reliable.

The Police Division will use best efforts to provide reliable information for the purposes of notification, generally relying on government sources.

Definitions

Offender Types

- **Tier I Sex Offenders:** These offenders must register with the County Sheriff at least once annually for a period of 15 years. In addition, they must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.

- **Tier II Sex Offenders:** These offenders must register with the County Sheriff every 180 days for a period of 25 years. In addition, they must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.
- **Tier III Sex Offenders:** These offenders must register with the County Sheriff every 90 days for life. In addition, they must register any change of residential address, place of employment, or enrollment in a school or institution of higher education.

Note: Tier III sex offenders are also subject to community notification, which means upon a change of residential address, the County Sheriff will provide notice to a neighborhood within 1,000 feet of the sex offender's residential address. The County Sheriff will also provide notice to schools, registered day-care providers and law enforcement agencies within the county.

Tiered sex offender classifications are determined based upon criminal conviction of offenses and criteria outlined at www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us/Registry/classification.asp.



Requirements for Convicted Sexual Offenders

Residence and Employment Restrictions

An offender may not establish a residence or occupy residential premises or be employed within one thousand (1,000) feet of any school premises, licensed daycare facility, preschool, any public park, swimming pool, library, or playground. A private residential pool does not apply. The 1,000 feet distance is determined from property line to property line.

Registration Requirements

In addition to registration requirements of the Ohio Revised Code, an offender must register personally with the Upper Arlington Chief of Police within three days of the offender's coming into the City:

- If the offender is domiciled, whether permanently or temporarily for more than three consecutive days;
- If the offender is employed, whether permanently or temporarily for more than three consecutive days or for an aggregate period of 14 or more days in a calendar year.

Failure to comply with the Upper Arlington registration requirements is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I believe an offender lives in my neighborhood in an area within 1,000 feet of a park or other prohibited area. What can I do?

A: Contact the Police Division, who will research your information. If it is found that the offender is in violation of the law, appropriate action will be taken. This takes time. The Police Division must be thorough with the investigation and comply with the requirements of the law. This offender is not committing a criminal act and the Police must provide documentation for the City Attorney to pursue injunctive relief, a civil process.

Q: I was not notified of an offender but my neighbor was notified. What happened?

A: The mapping used to determine the affected area may have put your residence outside 1,000 feet. Contact the Police Division to verify your geographic area. You may also sign up for email notification of convicted sexual offenders through the Franklin County Sheriff, at www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us.

Q: My neighbor has a pool, does it apply?

A: No. Private residential pools are not applicable to the ordinance.

Q: My children are home schooled. Does the ordinance apply?

A: No, A school must be a chartered school or non-chartered school that filed with the Department of Education.

Q: Why am I not notified if there is a Tier II or Tier I sexual offender in my neighborhood?

A: State law changed the notification requirements and Upper Arlington has mirrored the State Law.

To stay informed about convicted sexual offenders in the area, visit www.sheriff.franklin.oh.us/



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