



Policy Statement Addressing Sex Offender Registration

Sex Offenders

In accordance to the "Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act" of 2000, which amends the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, the *Jeanne Clery Act* and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, WATC is providing a link to the State of Kansas Sex Offender Registry (http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/offender_registry/). This act requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where law enforcement information provided by a state concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. It also requires sex offenders, already required to register in a state, to provide notice of each institution of higher education in that state at which the person is employed, carries a vocation, or is a student.

In the State of Kansas, convicted sex offenders must register with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. This information provided under this section shall be used for the purposes of the administration of criminal justice, screening of current or prospective employees, volunteers or otherwise for the protection of the public in general and children in particular. **Unlawful use of the information for the purposes of intimidating or harassing another is prohibited and a willful violation shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.**

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation has established this website to facilitate public access to information about persons who have been convicted of certain sex, violent and drug offenses, as set forth in the Kansas Offender Registration Act (K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq.). Effective July 1, 2005, K.S.A. 22-4909 was amended to require the website to prominently identify whether an offender is or is not a sex offender.

This website is updated every fifteen (15) minutes, and the KBI makes every effort to ensure such information is complete, accurate, and current. However, information on this website is compiled based, in part, upon information provided by the registered offender. As such, the registry may contain erroneous information.

Additionally, some offender information is not subject to public disclosure and therefore, not included on this website. Pursuant to the Kansas Supreme Court's decision in *State v. Myers*, 260 Kan. 669 (1996), information for offenders who committed their offense prior to April 14, 1994, is closed to the public.

The State of Kansas is responsible for maintaining this registry. The following link accesses the web site http://www.accesskansas.org/kbi/offender_registry/.

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