



THE CITY OF

DOVER POLICE
DEPARTMENT*Sex Offender Management “Megan’s Law”****Basic Sex Offender Information***

- Only sex offenders convicted after June 27, 1994 for sex offenses specified under Delaware Law are required to register.
- Persons who have been arrested but not convicted are not required to register.
- One Deputy Attorney General classifies the sex offender by Tier.
- Sex Offender web site maintained by the Delaware State Police and State Bureau of Identification: <http://www.state.de.us/dsp/sexoff/index.htm>
- Web site that tracks and maps sex offenders <http://www.mapsexoffenders.com/>
- Web site that tracks and maps sex offenders <http://www.familywatchdog.us/ShowMap.asp?frm=0>

Tier III Sex Offender Registration

- Tier III - The most severe tier; those in this level have been convicted of crimes such as first- or second-degree rape, first-degree unlawful sexual contact, first- or second-degree unlawful sexual intercourse and unlawful sexual penetration and first- or second-degree kidnapping. Police are required to provide searchable records and community notification.
- Tier III Sex Offender must register for the rest of his/her life or if no convictions after 15 years he may petition to be reduced to a Tier II.
- Tier III Sex Offenders - Dover PD verifies addresses and notifies schools, daycares centers in the area and the Dover Library. In addition, DPD passes out fliers in sex offender’s neighborhood, place of employment and place of study. The following information is on the fliers:
 - Sex offenders description – Name -DOB
 - Address
 - Photo
- In addition, Dover PD verifies the Tier III sex offender’s address quarterly.
- There are 21 registered Tier III sex offenders residing in the City of Dover.

Tier II Sex Offender Registration

- Tier II - Sex offenders in this level have been convicted of crimes such as third- or fourth-degree rape, second-degree unlawful sexual contact, third-degree unlawful sexual intercourse, third-degree unlawful sexual penetration or bestiality. Police are required to provide searchable records.
- Tier II Sex Offender must register for 10 years unless he/she is a repeat offender.
- Tier II Sex Offenders - Dover PD verifies addresses and notifies schools, daycares centers in the area and the Dover Library. In addition, Dover PD verifies the Tier II sex offender’s address semi-annually.
- There are 90 registered Tier II sex offenders residing in the City of Dover.



Tier I Sex Offender Registration

- Tier I - Any other registered sex offender is assigned to this level.
- Tier I Sex Offender - Dover PD verifies addresses.
- In addition Dover PD verifies the Tier I sex offender’s address annually.
- Tier I Sex Offender must register for 10 years unless he/she is a repeat offender.
- There are 13 registered Tier I sex offenders residing in the City of Dover.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) How many registered sex offenders are there in the City of Dover? There are 128 registered sex offenders as of December 7, 2006 in the City of Dover.

13 Tier I

90 Tier II

21 Tier III

4 Unclassified

11 Sex Offenders are registered as Homeless

34 Sex Offenders work in the City of Dover

5 Sex Offenders attend school in the City of Dover

25 Warrants obtained for Failure to Reregister as a sex offender in 2006

9 Outstanding warrants for Failure to Reregister as a Sex Offender

a. One subject is in unknown location in Colorado

b. One subject is incarcerated in New York pending extradition

c. Seven subjects are in unknown locations

2.) Is there a typical sex offender? No, sex offenders come from all walks of life and socio-economic groups. They can be male or female, rich or poor, employed or unemployed, religious or non-religious, educated or uneducated, and from any race.

3.) What steps should I take to protect my family and myself if an offender moves into our neighborhood? Open communication between parents and children are vital components of family safety. Children might be told in general terms that this person has hurt someone before and that children should stay away from this individual. Families can review safety tips and protective behaviors. Remember that the purpose behind community notification is to reduce the chances of future victimization of people and to avoid situations that might allow for victimization.



Frequently Asked Questions

4.) Can I tell neighbors, schools or others about a sex offender living in the area?

The purpose of community notification and the sex offender registry is to provide information for the protection of the public. Sharing the information is believed to make our communities a safer place to live, and is an activity that is encouraged. Taking any kind of illegal action against a sex offender is another matter that is detrimental to our communities and could lead to legal action against the perpetrator.

5.) Will I automatically be notified if a sex offender is released into my community?

No, you can subscribe to receive email notification of sex offenders that are placed on the sex offender registry web site. You can do so by creating an account with the **Delaware [Information Subscription Service](http://diss.state.de.us/DWS/public.diss)**

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web site and subscribing to the Sex Offender Notification Subscription. Be aware, however, that the Sex Offender Registry Web Site does not contain every sex offender in Delaware. Individuals who are designated as Tier I sex offenders are not placed on the Sex Offender Registry Web Site and are not subject to public notification per Delaware law.

6.) Does the law prohibit a sex offender from living near a school, day care or playground?

500 feet from a school, day care or playground.

7.) Who should I contact if I know the information is incorrect regarding a sex offender of the Sex Offender Registry Web Site?

State Bureau of Identification, Sex Offender Central Registry, P.O. Box 430, Dover, Delaware 19903. Phone :(302) 739-5882. **Email: soffender@state.de.us**

8.) What happens if a sex offender fails to register?

Under Title 11, Section 4120(k) of the Delaware Code a person who fails to register has committed a Class G Felony. This offense is punishable by up to 2 years in jail.

9.) Is Information about all convicted sex offenders available to the public at the Sexual Offender Registry Web Site?

No, only if a court determination is made to place an individual on the Sex Offender Registry Web Site. Individuals who are designated as Tier I sex offenders are not placed on the “Public” Sex Offender Registry Web Site.

10.) Are juvenile sex offenders placed on the Sex Offender Registry Web Site?

Yes, based on the judicial determination and nature of the offense.



*City of Dover Sex Offender *Statistical Information*

1. City of Dover Demographics 2000 Census
 - a. City Population 32,135
 - b. White- 55%
 - c. Black- 37%
 - d. Hispanic- 4%
 - e. Other- 4%

2. Registered Sex Offender Race
 - a. 128 Registered Sex Offenders
 - b. Black- 71 56% of registered sex offenders
 - c. White- 57 44% of registered sex offenders
 - d. Hispanic-
 - e. Other-

3. Registered Sex Offender Sex
 - a. Male- 123 96% of registered sex offenders
 - b. Female- 5 4% of registered sex offenders

4. City of Dover Age Breakdown 2000 Census
 - a. Under 18- 23%
 - b. 18-24- 15%
 - c. 25-44- 30%
 - d. 45-64- 19%
 - e. 65-Older- 13%

5. Registered Sex Offender Age Breakdown
 - a. 10-18- 6 5% of registered sex offenders
 - b. 19-25- 30 23% of registered sex offenders
 - c. 26-35- 39 31% of registered sex offenders
 - d. 36-45- 30 23% of registered sex offenders
 - e. 46-60- 18 14% of registered sex offenders
 - f. 61-100- 5 4% of registered sex offenders

6. Registered Sex Offender Residence Grid

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| a. 200 N/O Rt. 8- E/O St. Jones River | 24 | 19% | of registered sex offenders |
| b. 400 S/O Rt. 8- E/O St. Jones River | 20 | 15% | of registered sex offenders |
| c. 600 S/O Rt. 8- W/O St. Jones River | 26 | 20% | of registered sex offenders |
| d. 800 N/O Rt. 8- W/O St. Jones River | 43 | 34% | of registered sex offenders |
| e. ??? Unknown – Homeless/Wanted | 15 | 12% | of registered sex offenders |

*Statistics are as of December 7, 2006



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7. Tier Breakdown of 128 Sex Offenders in Corporate City Limits of Dover

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|-----------------|----|-----|-----------------------------|
| a. Tier I- | 13 | 10% | of registered sex offenders |
| b. Tier II- | 90 | 70% | of registered sex offenders |
| c. Tier III- | 21 | 17% | of registered sex offenders |
| d. Unclassified | 4 | 3% | of registered sex offenders |

8. Tier Breakdown of 321 Sex Offenders in Dover Area

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| a. Tier I- | UNK | | of registered sex offenders |
| b. Tier II- | 271 | 84% | of registered sex offenders |
| c. Tier III- | 50 | 16% | of registered sex offenders |
| d. Unclassified | UNK | | of registered sex offenders |
| e. | There are 173 sex offenders listed as working in the Dover area | | |
| f. | There are 23 sex offenders listed as attending school in the Dover area | | |

9. Homeless In City of Dover

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| a. Tier I- | 1 | 9% | of registered Homeless sex offenders |
| b. Tier II- | 7 | 64% | of registered Homeless sex offenders |
| c. Tier III- | 3 | 27% | of registered Homeless sex offenders |

10. DPD Failure To Reregister Warrants

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| a. 2006 | 25 | Warrants Obtained | | |
| b. Tier I- | 2 | Obtained | 1 | Outstanding |
| c. Tier II- | 15 | Obtained | 4 | Outstanding |
| d. Tier III- | 7 | Obtained | 3 | Outstanding |
| d. Unclassified | 1 | Obtained | 1 | Outstanding |

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Sex Offender Current Issues

1. **Registering as Homeless**
 - If you register as a homeless person, you have to reregister annually.
 - No one knows where they are living for an entire year.
 - There is no means of contacting the homeless sex offender.

2. **Out of State Sex Offenders**
 - If not on Probation or Parole, there is no record unless the sex offender registers.
 - If the sex offender is on Probation or Parole, then their Probation or Parole Officer will notify SBI.

3. **State verification process**
 - Currently residence verification for a sex offender that is not on probation or parole is sent a letter that requires a signature and to be returned. This is conducted every 90 days for Tier III sex offenders and on an annual basis for Tier II and Tier I sex offenders.
 - If a sex offender is on probation or parole their probation or parole officer may check on them at their stated residence.

4. **Classifying Sex Offenders**
 - Currently one Deputy Attorney General classifies the sex offenders for the entire State of Delaware.
 - There are unclassified sex offenders that do not have a Tier set. Therefore, there is a lack of community notification.

5. **Notification to new neighbors**
 - Currently Tier III sex offender notification fliers are sent out only after initial registration.
 - Dover PD will begin to notify the public on all Tier III sex offenders on an annual basis in order to circumvent new neighbors not knowing the location of a sex offender’s residence.