

WHAT OUR MISSION MEANS FOR COMMUNITIES

The Sex Offender Registry exists to provide access to sex offender information for anyone whose role involves the care and protection of others. SORB does not have legal authority to impose conditions, sanctions or restrictions on sex offenders. Instead, SORB provides this information to allow you to educate yourself and make informed decisions. Knowing who sex offenders are and their whereabouts allows you to be proactive in avoiding situations where you, your family, coworkers or employees could possibly be victimized by sex offenders.

WHOSE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE?

The Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry law requires registration for any person who was convicted or adjudicated of a sex offense on or after August 1, 1981, and who lives, works, attends school or has a secondary address in Massachusetts. Registration is required whether the conviction occurred in Massachusetts or another state. Adjudications include juvenile delinquents, youthful offenders and Sexually Dangerous Persons. Certain adult offenses require lifetime registration while others require registration for no more than twenty years. Offenders who were juveniles at the time of their offense must register for twenty years. Notwithstanding this requirement, if SORB determines that an offender is no longer a risk or danger to the community, the offender will be relieved of their obligation to register earlier. In every instance, SORB must determine whether a sex offender poses a low risk or danger (Level 1), moderate risk or danger (Level 2) or high risk or danger (Level 3) to the public. SORB must prove the offender who has committed a sex offense continues to pose a risk to reoffend and danger to the community in order to require registration over time. The ESORI portal allows users to conduct screening for all Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sex Offender Registry Board (SORB) is to promote public safety through educating and informing the public in order to prevent further victimization. This is accomplished through registering and classifying convicted sex offenders by their risk of re-offense and degree of danger and providing the public certain information regarding offenders who live, work and/or attend institutions of higher learning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the law.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



SAFE KIDS
THRIVE



Youth-serving organizations play a vital role in preventing child sexual abuse.

<https://safekidsthive.org/build-your-toolkit/how-to-use-safe-kids-thrive/>



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE



Signs of Child Abuse

<https://machildrensalliance.org/signs-of-child-abuse/>

Profession trainings offered

<https://machildrensalliance.org/trainings/>



NATIONAL CENTER FOR
MISSING &
EXPLOITED
CHILDREN



Helping Schools and Communities Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation

<https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/missingkids/pdfs/publications/sexualexploitationenschoolscommunities.pdf>



ESORI CHECKS FOR AWARENESS

ESORI

Electronic Sex Offender Registry Information Portal

Comprehensive Background Checks

ESORI Portal Customer Service

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ESORI PORTAL

The ESORI portal, authorized by G.L. c. 6 §178I, is an online tool designed for ease of access. It is geared toward schools, businesses and other organizations or individuals conducting regular background checks.

You can quickly and easily run SORI checks on employees, volunteers, chaperones, contractors, and others using their last name, first name, and exact date of birth. An individual or organizational user may access the portal through <https://www.mass.gov/sorb> where they will set up an account. Once an account has been created, the user can submit requests, including batch requests for multiple subjects, online. Results are delivered free of charge directly to the user's account within the portal.

For assistance in setting up an account or accessing information, contact ESORI Portal Customer Service at 978-740-6478 or through sori.sori@mass.gov. For more details on how to use the portal or setting up an account visit <https://sorb.chs.state.ma.us/esori-portal/login.xhtml>.



Frequently Asked Questions and Common Concerns

Q: Does SORB require permission from the employee, volunteer, chaperone or contractor to obtain information through ESORI?

A: No.

Q: Where is the form I need to submit?

A: There is no form required. Requests are all submitted within the user's portal account.

Q: What information do I need to run a SORI?

A: Last name, first name and exact date of birth for each request.

Q: Why do I need a SORI and a CORI check?

A: A CORI check is an important tool and should be a part of any background check. However, CORI is a check of someone's criminal history in Massachusetts state courts. SORI checks differ from CORI checks as they include all offenders who are currently required to register as a sex offender in Massachusetts. That requirement may be based on an out of state or federal sex offense that does not appear on their CORI.

National background checks run on prospective employees will include out of state offenses, but most people are not subject to this type of background check. Periodically running a SORI check is recommended.

Q: How difficult is it to run a SORI check?

A: ESORI is designed for ease of access. Requests can all be done online, and multiple requests can be made at once using the batch request template provided. Additionally, ESORI allows someone to run a check on themselves and receive an electronic report that they can print and submit when needed, giving employers or organizations another option to require SORI checks without the administrative burden on staff.

Q: Can I receive information on Level 1 sex offenders?

A: The law prohibits the dissemination of Level 1 information to the public.

Q: Is the information received in an ESORI check different than the information found on SORB's Public Website <https://www.mass.gov/sorb>?

A: Yes. SORB's Public Website provides a flyer that includes, address, photo and conviction information for Level 2 offenders classified after July 12, 2013, and all Level 3 offenders. The ESORI Portal provides users with a no match or match letter that contains conviction information on all finally classified Level 2 or Level 3 offenders.

My ESORI Portal Username:

Password hint: