

WHAT OUR MISSION MEANS FOR SCHOOLS

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 make informed decisions about who should and should not have access to your schools and, in turn, keeps children safe by removing opportunities for offenders to access children.

WHOSE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE?

The Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry law requires registration for any person who was convicted, adjudicated or released from a sentence for 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 (Level 1), moderate risk (Level 2) or high risk (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 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

Do your homework, keep schools a safe space. Sexual abuse can happen anywhere.



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/>



Signs of Child Abuse

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

Professional trainings offered

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



Helping Schools and Communities Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation

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



ESORI

Electronic Sex Offender Registry Information Portal

Comprehensive background checks protect your students.



DO YOUR
HOMEWORK:
SORI Checks
for School
Safety

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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 especially geared toward schools, businesses and other organizations or individuals conducting regular background checks.

“This portal is an additional tool that schools and districts can use to vet the adults who work and volunteer with our students. I hope schools and districts will add this portal to their careful hiring processes.” – Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

You can quickly and easily run checks on employees, volunteers, chaperones, contractors, and others who may have any access to children in your care. 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 <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

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 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 who are not regular school employees are not subject to this type of background check. Even for employees, periodically running a SORI check is recommended.

Q: My staff doesn’t have time to run a SORI check.

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

Q: Our volunteers are never alone with kids, so this is unnecessary.

A: Unfortunately, offenders don’t need complete privacy to offend against children. Schools should have complete information about individuals who will have any access to children or will be working in proximity to them, before deciding whether they are a good fit.

“Having the opportunity to use ESORI for all our employees, volunteers and contractors is another way of protecting our students. By using the ESORI Portal, I will never second guess that I could have done more when an employee, volunteer and contractor is hired.” Brandi L. Kwong, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, Methuen Public Schools

My ESORI Portal Username: _____

Password hint: _____