



# Iowa Sex Offender Registry



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The Iowa Sex Offender Registry became law on July 1, 1995 and is found in [Chapter 692A Code of Iowa](#)

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On or after July 1, 1995, an individual who has been convicted or adjudicated of a criminal offense against a minor, sexual exploitation, or a sexually violent crime or who was on probation, parole, or work release status, or who was incarcerated on or after July 1, 1995 is required to register. Registration does include individuals that have received a deferred sentence or deferred judgments and can include convictions from other jurisdictions such as other states and/or federal convictions.

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The following information is provided from the Iowa Sex Offender Registry to the public pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 692A. The purpose of this information is to allow members of the public a means to protect themselves from individuals who have committed an offense that requires registration on the Sex Offender Registry. If you see information on our website that is wrong about an offender, please notify the sheriff of the county where the offender lives. You may also email this agency via the "contact" link located on this website.

### Jacob Wetterling



As part of the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act the United States Congress passed the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offenders Registration Act, which bears the name of an 11-year old boy who was abducted at gunpoint and never seen again. The Act set forth guidelines for states to establish sex offender registry programs.

### Megan's Law



In 1996 the Wetterling Act was amended by Megan's Law, which requires states to release relevant information about registered sex offenders to protect the public. This law bears the name of Megan Kanka, a seven year old girl who was sexually molested and murdered by a convicted sex offender after being invited into his home to play with his new puppy.

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