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## 2024 Registration Law Updates for Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators

Pursuant to House Bill 1235, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) provides this notice to highlight updates to Florida's sexual offender and predator registration laws that impact those required to register.

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#### Updates to Residency Definitions

"Permanent residence" and "temporary residence" have been updated to clarify how they are calculated: For the purpose of calculating a permanent or temporary residence, the first day that a person abides, lodges, or resides at a place is excluded and each subsequent day is counted. A day includes any part of a calendar day.

"Transient residence" has been updated to clarify that it is a county where the person lives, remains, or is located <u>for the purpose of abiding, lodging, or residing.</u> It has also been updated to clarify how it is calculated: <u>For the purpose of calculating a transient residence, the first day that a person lives, remains, or is located in a county for the purpose of abiding, lodging, or residing is excluded and each subsequent day is counted. A day includes any part of a calendar day.</u>

#### Updates to Travel

Are you planning on leaving or traveling out of Florida? Reporting requirements have changed:

#### Within the United States

If you are establishing a permanent, temporary, or transient residence in another state or jurisdiction, you must report in person to the sheriff's office <u>at least</u> 48 hours before the date you intend to leave Florida. Travel not known 48 hours before must be reported as soon as possible.

#### International Travel

All travel outside of the United States must be reported, <u>regardless of length</u>. International travel must be reported at least 21 days before the date you intend to leave the United States. Travel not known 21 days before must be reported as soon as possible.

#### Updates to Reporting Vehicles Owned

If you are not on supervision with the Department of Corrections (DOC) or the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), you now have the option to report changes to "vehicles owned" **online** using the Cyber Communication System (CCS).

"Vehicles owned" are defined as any motor vehicle as defined in section 320.01, Florida Statute, which is registered, coregistered, leased, titled, or rented by you; a rented vehicle that you are authorized to drive; or a vehicle for which you are insured as a driver. The term also includes any motor vehicle as defined in s. 320.01, which is registered, coregistered, leased, titled, or rented by a person or persons residing at your permanent residence for 5 or more consecutive days.

### Updates to Address Verification Correspondence

If you receive address verification correspondence from the department <u>or from county or local law</u> <u>enforcement agencies</u>, you are required to respond to the correspondence within 3 weeks after the date of the correspondence.

# Register Certain Information Online with FDLE's Cyber Communication System (CCS)



- Visit the website: https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/ccs
- Log in with your username and password:
  - Get your username from the sheriff's office or call FDLE at 888-357-7332.
  - If you forget your password, call FDLE to reset it.
- If you are NOT under supervision with DOC or DJJ, CCS is currently available to report/update:
  - Internet Identifiers and Email Addresses (within 48 hours of use)
  - **Phone Numbers** (within 48 hours of a change)
  - Employment Information (within 48 hours of a change)
  - **Campus Information** (within 48 hours of a change)
  - In-State Travel\* (within 48 hours of establishing an in-state travel residence, sexual offenders only.) \*Pursuant to Case No. 4:21cv85-RH-MJF. Does not apply to sexual predators. Sexual predators must report in-state travel pursuant to s. 775.21(6)(g)1.
- Starting October 1, 2024, if you are NOT under supervision, you may use CCS to report/update:
  - Vehicles Owned (within 48 hours of a change)

The information above may also be reported directly to the sheriff's office. Sexual predators on supervision with DOC or DJJ are required to report pursuant to s. 775.21. Sexual offenders on supervision are required to report pursuant to s. 944.607 (for DOC supervision) or s. 985.4815 (for DJJ supervision).

For quick access to Florida's sexual offender/predator registration laws and to access registration related frequently asked questions (FAQs), visit the sexual offenders/predators section of the FDLE Mobile App. You can download the app by scanning the QR codes or by searching "FDLE" in your mobile device's app store.





Florida statutes are also available online at https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes. FAQs are available at https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/faq.jsf. FDLE cannot provide legal advice on registration requirements. If you have questions regarding your registration requirements, please contact your local sheriff's office.