

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Greenwich parents and community members are encouraged to sign up to receive notifications regarding sex offenders who take up residence in the school district; similar information also is available on a website maintained by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice. With the availability of these tools, law enforcement agencies no longer share sex offender information with school districts.

If you'd like to receive the notifications (which can be sent via e-mail, text message or fax), please go to the [NY-Alert Civilians Portal website](#) and complete the registration and verification process. Please note that this is a broad-based alert system, which includes signing up for weather and other emergency-type alerts. The option to receive alerts about sex offenders is an option you can choose after you proceed through the first few screens during the registration process.

[The New York State Department of Criminal Justice's sex offender website](#) lists high-risk (Level 3) offenders. In most cases, the information includes names, aliases, addresses, photos and details of the convictions. The site can be reached by clicking [here](#). Scroll down the page until you reach the question, "How do I search for a sex offender?" Click on the link within that text and you'll be redirected to a page where you can conduct a search by entering a county name, a zip code or a person's name.

The dissemination of information about convicted sex offenders was part of the Sex Offender Registration Act, more commonly known as Megan's Law. The law requires sex offenders convicted of certain specified crimes to register with the state and that communities be alerted to their presence whenever possible.

Convicted sex offenders are classified using a three-tier system – Level 1 (low risk for re-offending), Level 2 (moderate risk) or Level 3 (highest risk). The risk level assignment determines how much notification is given to the public and/or law enforcement agencies.