

Sheriff's Office - FAQ Sex Offender Registry

Q: Where can I find a listing of the registered sex offenders in Hall County?

A: There are two comprehensive listings of registered sex offenders for Hall County, Georgia located at <https://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry> and the second is located at <http://gis.hallcounty.org/Sheriff>. You may also access the National Sex Offender registry database at www.nsopr.gov.

Q: Where may a registered sex offender live?

A: Where a Sex Offender may live depends on the date of their offense that requires them to register.

- If the date of offense is **prior to June 4, 2003**, there are NO residency restrictions. The offender may live anywhere.
- If the date of Offense is between **June 4, 2003- June 30, 2006** {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-17 (b)}, the offender cannot reside within 1,000 feet of any child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate.
 - Child care facility: all public and private pre- kindergarten facilities, daycare centers, and preschool facilities.
 - Area where minors congregate: public and private parks, recreation facilities, playgrounds, skating rinks, neighborhood centers, gymnasiums, and similar facilities providing programs or services directed towards persons under 18 years of age.
 - DOES NOT INCLUDE CHURCHES, BUS STOPS, SWIMMING POOLS, LIBRARIES.
 - If the sex offender owns or leases and resides on real property and a child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate locates itself within 1000 feet afterwards, the offender may live there if he provides proof of ownership/lease, and proof that he resides there. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-17 (c)(1)} DOES NOT INCLUDE CHURCHES, BUS STOPS, SWIMMING POOLS, LIBRARIES.
- If the offense is between **July 1, 2006- June 30, 2008** {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (b)}, the offender cannot reside within 1000 feet of any childcare facility, church, school, area where minors congregate.
 - Area where minors congregate: public and private parks, recreation facilities, playgrounds, skating rinks, neighborhood centers, gymnasium, school bus stops, and public and community pools. DOES NOT INCLUDE LIBRARIES.
 - If the offender owned/leases and resided on said property at the location and a child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate locates within 1000 feet after date of ownership/lease, he MAY live there with proof of ownership.
- If the offender owned/leased and resides on said property within 1000ft of child care facility, church, school, or area where minors congregated, he is NOT in violation if he provides proof of ownership/lease **prior to July 1, 2006**. He may live here. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (e) (2)}
- If the offense is **on July 1, 2008 or after** {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-15 (b)} cannot reside within 1000 feet of any child care facility, church, school, areas where minors congregate. Definition of where minors can congregate now includes public libraries.
 - Area where minors congregate: public and private parks, recreation facilities, playgrounds, skating rinks, neighborhood centers, gymnasium, school bus stops, public libraries, and community swimming pools.
- If the offense is **prior to July 1, 2008** and the offender owned/leased and resided on such property at a location within 1000 feet of a child care facility, church, school, or areas where minors congregated, he is NOT in violation if he provides proof or ownership/lease prior to July 1, 2008. He may live there.

Q: Where may a registered sex offender work?

A: Where a Sex Offender may work depends on the date of their offense that requires them to register.

- If the date of offense is **prior to June 4, 2003**, there are NO employment restrictions. The offender may work anywhere.
- **June 4, 2003 – June 30, 2006** no employment restrictions apply. Loitering not prohibited by this statute. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-17}
- If the offense is between **July 1, 2006- June 30, 2008** {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (c) (1)}, the offender cannot be employed at any child care facility, church, school, or by any business or entity that is located within 1000 feet of said.
 - Sexually Dangerous predator cannot be employed at any child care facility, church, school, area where minors congregate or at or by any business or entity that is located within 1000 feet of said. DOES NOT INCLUDE LIBRARIES. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (c) (2)}
 - Loitering, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36, is prohibited at any child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate, unless affected by local ordinance or resolution. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (d)}
 - If the offender was employed within 1000 feet of a child care facility, church, school, or area where minors congregated, he is NOT in violation if he provides proof of employment prior to July 1, 2006. He may work here. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (e)(1)}
- If the offender was employed at a location and a child care facility, church, school, or area where minors congregated, he is NOT in violation if he provides proof of employment **prior to July 1, 2006**. He may work here. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-16 (e) (2)}
- If the offense is **on July 1, 2008 or after** {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-15 (c) (1)} cannot be employed/volunteer within 1000 feet of any child care facility, church, school, or by any business or entity that is located within 1000 feet of said.
 - Volunteer: Engage in an activity in which one would ordinarily receive compensation AND involves working with, assisting, or being engaged in activity with minors.
 - HOWEVER, the definition of ‘volunteer’ does not include: participating in activities limited to persons 18 years of age or older; participating in worship services; participating or engaging in religious activities or activities at a place of worship that do not include supervising, teaching, directing, or otherwise participating with minors who are not supervised by an adult who is NOT a sex offender.
 - Sexually dangerous predator cannot be employed/volunteer at any child care facility, church, school, areas where minors congregate or at any business or entity that is located within 1000 feet of said. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-15 (c) (2)}
 - Loitering, as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-36, is prohibited at any child care facility, school, or area where minors congregate, unless affected by local ordinance or resolution. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-15 (d)}
- If the offense is **prior to July 1, 2008** and the offender was employed at a location within 1000 feet of a child care facility, church, school, or areas where minors congregated, he is NOT in violation if he provides proof of employment prior to July 1, 2008. He may work here with proof of employment. {O.C.G.A. § 42-1-15 (e) (2)}

Q: A registered sex offender has moved into my neighborhood, what should I do?

A: If you believe the registered sex offender is not in compliance with the law you should contact the Hall County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registry and Tracking Division at 770-533- 7693. The SORT unit can confirm if the sex offender is in compliance with the law, and if there are non-compliance issues the SORT unit will open an investigation and pursue criminal charges.