



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATIONS - FAQ

- Where can an offender register?
 - If the offender resides in Stephenson County, outside the city limits of Freeport and Lena:
 - Stephenson County Sheriff's Office; 15 N. Galena Ave; Freeport, IL
- When can an offender register?
 - Times are by appointment only, and must be scheduled at least one day in advance.
 - Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- How does an offender schedule an appointment?
 - Monday - Thursday, except holidays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Call 815-235-8257 or fill out the offender registration appointment form on the Sheriff's Office website.
- What should an offender bring to registration?
 - Sentencing order
 - If moving from another registering jurisdiction, including another state, bring offender registration from that jurisdiction.
 - Identification (Driver License or State ID)
 - Vehicle registration for all vehicles registered to the offender.
 - Registration fee
 - S.O.R. fee: \$100.00 for initial and annual registration
 - VOAY fee: \$20.00 for initial and \$10.00 for annual registration
 - Arson fee: \$10.00 for initial and \$5.00 for annual registration
 - If the offender can't pay the full \$100.00 registration fee, can they make payments?

- Yes. The Stephenson County Sheriff's Office will provide a receipt each time an offender makes a payment toward their registration fee.
- What restrictions exist on an offenders place of residence?
 - [720 ILCS 5/11-9.3](#) defines, in detail, offenders' restrictions on places of residence, as well as restrictions on public spaces.
- How can an offender find out if the address they want to move to is within a restricted area?
 - Call 815-235-8257 to have the address checked.
- If an offender plans to move to another jurisdiction, do they have to report the move to the old jurisdiction?
 - Yes. The offender will report the up-coming move to the original jurisdiction, then report the address change to the new jurisdiction.
- What registration requirements are there for travel as an offender?
 - The offender must register before travelling with their home jurisdiction, and provide the following:
 - Date leaving home.
 - Full travel itinerary.
 - Addresses and phone numbers where offender will be staying, including dates for each location.
 - Expected date of return from travel.
 - Depending on the offender's destination, he/she may be required to register with the local jurisdiction. It is the offender's responsibility to comply with requirements of that jurisdiction in order to remain in compliance.