



# Pinal County Sheriff's Office

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**Please read this letter in its entirety as Arizona State law and the Registration process for PCSO has changed.**

## CHANGES TO ARIZONA STATE LAW FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

Arizona State law has been updated and includes changes to convicted sex offender registration requirements. Refer to Arizona Revised Statutes **13-3821 to 13-3829** for the complete list of requirements for registered sex offenders in Arizona.

**You should be especially aware** of the following:

- 13-3821 A. Regarding registration timeframes: **substitutes** "within seventy-two hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, after entering and remaining for at least seventy-two hours in any county of this state" **in place of** "within ten days after entering and remaining in any county of this state."
- 13-3822 also defines the 72 hour rule as: "Within seventy-two hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays, after moving to or from the person's residence or to a different county or after changing the person's name or address."
- 13-3821 I. **requires listing** any online identifier **including** the name of any website or internet communication service where the identifier is being used; **and all vehicle identification information for any vehicle the sex offender owns, possesses or drives regularly.**
- 13-3821 J - Now mandates that all Sex Offenders report, in person, to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office annually to register. This is to be done within **the same month as the offender's birthdate.**

The above information was taken from Arizona Revised Statutes, however it is the sole responsibility of the sex offender to know the laws and conditions of their required registration. To assist with the new requirements, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office will be making the following changes to the registration process:

## SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT FOR REQUIRED REGISTRATION

Sex offender registration for Pinal County will be conducted by appointment only starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. To schedule an appointment, visit the Pinal County Sheriff's Office website ([PinalCountyAZ.gov/Sheriff](http://PinalCountyAZ.gov/Sheriff)) then select the "SEX OFFENDER" tab and follow the instructions. If further assistance is needed, email the PCSO SOR Unit at [sor@pinal.gov](mailto:sor@pinal.gov) or call **520.866.5005**. Scheduling an appointment satisfies the sex offender's 72 hour move notification requirement with Pinal County. **Your request for an in-person appointment to complete the registration by itself DOES NOT meet sex offender registration requirements. It is your responsibility to make sure you have scheduled an appointment AND that you have completed all registration requirements.**

Appointments will be scheduled weekly at the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. Appointments are only for required in person registration and annual registration during your birth month. All other updates can be completed online through **Offender Watch Express** and must be updated **prior** to any appointment. (If you have online restrictions call the SOR Unit: 520-866-5005).

## USE OF OFFENDER WATCH EXPRESS FOR REQUIRED REGISTRATION UPDATES

PCSO is now utilizing Offender Watch Express for offender information updates. To access your account go to [www.OffenderWatchExpress.com](http://www.OffenderWatchExpress.com) and enter your personal information. After confirming your identity, follow the steps and ensure all information is updated. A Sex Offender Unit member will review and approve the update and contact you if there are any questions. Express updates include physical details, address, phone numbers, automobiles, tattoos, and online identifiers. If you move within Pinal County and change your address in Offender Watch Express, you **MUST** schedule an in person appointment to complete the registration process.

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