

NSOPW NSOR

National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW)

Sex offender information available to the general public

NSOPW is maintained by the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Program's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

No. NSOPW uses web services to search the individual public registry websites from each of the jurisdictions in real time. NSOPW is not a single national database of all registered sex offenders.

Information about an offender displayed on NSOPW may represent only a subset of information entered in NSOR.

NSOPW does not control the information publicly displayed. Each jurisdiction owns and is responsible for the accuracy of its information. NSOPW serves merely as a central search engine for all public registry websites.

Some jurisdictions require only certain types of offenders to be publicly posted on the jurisdiction's public registry website. If an offender is not displayed on the jurisdiction's public registry website, the offender will not appear on NSOPW.



FULL NAME



ACCESSIBILITY



MAINTENANCE



DATABASE?



AMOUNT OF INFORMATION



ACCURACY



DISCREPANCIES

National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)

Sex offender information available only to law enforcement and authorized criminal justice agencies

NSOR is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS).

Yes. NSOR is a single national database of registered sex offenders. Each jurisdiction enters information into NSOR, which is a single file in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database.

NSOR may contain more information about an offender that is prohibited to be shared publicly on NSOPW.

Each jurisdiction owns and is responsible for the accuracy of its information. However, CJIS audits each jurisdiction periodically for timeliness, completeness and accuracy.

Registered sex offenders who do not appear on NSOPW may still be listed in NSOR. This is because jurisdictions may prohibit publicly posting certain types of offenders, but still enter their information into NSOR to make it available to law enforcement nationwide.



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