



## Victim Services

Crime Victim Compensation Program

515-281-5044 or 1-800-373-5044

Iowa Domestic Abuse Hotline

1-800-942-0333

Iowa Sexual Abuse Hotline

1-800-284-7821

IowaVINE

1-888-7-IAVINE

[www.vinelink.com](http://www.vinelink.com)

IPONDA

1-888-7-IAVINE

[www.registervpo.com](http://www.registervpo.com)

Do NOT depend solely on Registrant Watch for protection from the offender. If you feel you may be at risk, contact:

- \* Your local law enforcement agency to report concerns
- \* Your local victim service program for support and to create a safety plan.

## NOTES:

Crime Victim Assistance Division  
Iowa Attorney General's Office  
Lucas State Office Building  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Phone: 515-281-5044  
Toll-Free: 800-373-5044  
Fax: 515-281-8199

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation  
Department of Public Safety  
215 East 7th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Phone: 515-725-6050  
website: [www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com)

# REGISTRANT WATCH

## IOWA SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION PROGRAM



ACCESS TO LOCATION  
INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION  
ON REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

[www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com)

A service provided by:  
Crime Victim Assistance Division  
Iowa Attorney General's Office,  
in partnership with:  
Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation

## WHAT IS REGISTRANT WATCH?

### What is Registrant Watch?

Registrant Watch provides the following to crime victims and other interested parties:

- 24 hour access to sex offender registrant information online.
- The ability to verify a registered sex offender's location and other characteristics.
- Provides crime victims and other interested parties the ability to be automatically notified by phone, text or email about changes in the location or identification information of a registered sex offender.

### How Does Registrant Watch Work?

Registrant Watch works by transmitting near real-time information from the Iowa Sex Offender Registry database system, to the Registrant Watch Service.

- Crime victims and other interested parties can access the information by visiting [www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com) any time, day or night.
- Victims can inquire where a registrant is located, as well as information on other identifying characteristics, and register to receive automated notifications via phone, text or email when this information is updated.
- Victims can also set up a "watch" using their address (or any other important address) and a specified distance around that address. Notifications are triggered each time a registered sex offender moves into or out of that area, or moves to a new location within that area.
- When a notification is triggered, Registrant Watch automatically calls the number a victim has provided, or sends the victim an email or text message with the updated information.
- Persons receiving notifications via the telephone will receive these calls twice.



### Registrant Watch Facts

If you feel you are in danger, call 911 immediately.

Since Registrant Watch calls automatically when an offender's information is updated, or an offender moves into your neighborhood, you may get a call from the service in the middle of the night.

If there is no answer, or the call goes to an answering machine, the system will call back once, for a total of two calls. A short message will be left on your answering machine.

Do not register a phone number that rings to a switchboard.

This is a confidential service. The offender will not know you are registered with Registrant Watch.

If you have questions about this service, call either of the numbers listed above. You will be transferred to an individual who can help.

If you have any questions about a registered sex offender, please contact the Division of Criminal Investigation.

**REGISTRANT WATCH: KEEPING YOUR COMMUNITY INFORMED**

### Using Registrant Watch Information

Call 1-515-725-6050 or visit [www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com) to access sex offender registrant information.

### Registration

You can register online to receive notifications via telephone, text message or email address.

- If registering a phone number, you will receive two telephone calls with the information you requested to receive. Registrant Watch will leave voice messages if a call is not answered.

### Notification

You can be notified about the following events:

- When a registrant's location or identification information is updated or changed.
- When a registrant moves into or out of your specified watch area.
- Registrant Watch will call your telephone twice with the updated information. Emails and text messages will be sent only once.

Write down the following information and keep it in a safe place:

Offender Name

Registrant Watch Location

515-725-6050 Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation  
515-281-5044 Iowa Attorney General's Office