

**PROXIMITY RESTRICTIONS FOR SEX OFFENDERS IS
BASED UPON THE DATE OF THE OFFENSE**

In 1996 Georgia legislators enacted laws to monitor sex offenders. Every year the sex offender laws are reviewed and sometimes revised. Residency, employment and loitering restrictions for sex offenses are not retroactive; but are based upon the law that was in effect on the **date of the sexual offense**. Offenses committed prior to 6/4/2003 have no residency or employment restrictions; however, all sex offenders are required to adhere to strict registration requirements.

In 2003/2004 and continuing, the Georgia legislature began annual review of sex offender laws and enacted several proximity restrictions for sex offenders.

RESTRICTIONS

For offenses committed between 6/4/2003 – 6/30/2006, sex offenders cannot reside within 1,000 feet of any child care facility, school, or areas where minors congregate (public & 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). OCGA 42-1-17.

For offenses committed between 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2008, all of the above restrictions apply, with the addition of churches, plus additional restrictions for employment and loitering which restrict sex offenders from being employed or loitering within 1,000 feet of all previously-named areas. The 2006 offense date (and later) is the first revision regarding sex offenders' employment and loitering proximity restrictions.

For offenses committed on or after 7/1/2008, all of the above residency, loitering and employment restrictions apply, with the addition of volunteer activity which is restricted at or within 1,000 feet of all above-named areas.