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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.

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

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 the above restrictions were in place, with the addition of school bus stops and public and community swimming pools. Additional restrictions were put in place for employment and loitering which restrict sex offenders from being employed or loitering within 1,000 feet of the previously-named areas.

For offenses committed on 7/1/2008 or after, all of the above residency and employment restrictions are in place, with the addition of volunteer activity, and residency, employment and loitering restrictions within 1,000 feet of churches.