

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the different sex offender levels and what do they mean?

Level 1: The vast majority of registered sex offenders are classified as Level 1 offenders. They are considered at low risk to re-offend. These individuals may be first time offenders and they usually know their victims. **Information regarding Level 1 offenders is not typically included in the search.**

Level 2 offenders have a moderate risk of re-offending. They generally have more than one victim and the abuse may be long term. These offenders usually groom their victims and may use threats to commit their crimes. These crimes may be predatory with the offender using a position of trust to commit their crimes. Typically these individuals do not appreciate the damage they have done to their victims.

Level 3 offenders are considered to have a high risk to re-offend. They usually have one or more victims and may have committed prior crimes of violence. They may not know their victim(s). The crime may show a manifest cruelty to the victim(s) and these offenders usually deny or minimize the crime. These offenders commonly have clear indications of a personality disorder.

Kidnapping: If the victim is a minor and not related to the offender then the offender is required to register for this offense.

Disclaimer: The sex offender level is determined by the law enforcement agency in which the sex offender resides. The King County Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the sex offender rating completed by another law enforcement agency. Any questions regarding a sex offender's level should be directed to the law enforcement agency in which the offender resides. **Please**

Note: This database contains information about Level 2 and Level 3 offenders, kidnapping offenders and Level 1 offenders that are out of compliance with the registration requirements. The addresses listed are NOT exact addresses, but an address block where the sex offender has reported he or she resides.

Search the King County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Website:

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