

Jackson County, MO Sheriff's Office

Sex Offender Registration and Enforcement (SORE) Unit

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) §589.407, when completing sex offender registration, sex offenders shall provide positive identification and documentation to substantiate the accuracy of the information completed on the offender registration form. Therefore, the Jackson County, Missouri Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registration and Enforcement (SORE) Unit requires verifying documentation upon request or when reporting, adding, changing, and/or removing information from the sex offender registration form. In addition, full verification is required each year, during the offender's birth month registration.

To help answer some questions regarding what documentation is required and what verification is acceptable, we have put together some information below. Should you have additional questions, please feel free to contact a member of the SORE Unit.

NOTE: Please understand that this list is not all inclusive and may change at any time without notice.

1) What Type of ID is acceptable?

- Valid Missouri ID – if not a MO resident, a valid ID from the state the offender resides.
- Valid Missouri Driver's license - if not a MO resident, a valid ID from the state the offender resides.
- DOC card – initial registration only
- Fed DOC card – initial registration only
- Passports - initial registration only
- Military/VA cards with photo - initial registration only
- Birth certificate and social security card **WITH PHOTO ID ****
- Out of state ID will be accepted for initial registration only

2) What if an offender does not have an ID?

- LOST ID – file a police report in the appropriate jurisdiction. Then provide the report number to the SORE Unit for one appointment. On the next appointment, a valid ID must be used to register.
- A birth certificate and social security card **WITH** another form of PHOTO ID will be accepted for one appointment. On the next appointment, a valid ID must be used to register.

3) What if an offender no longer uses an email?

- Must provide verification that email has been deleted
- For example: Send an email to the "old" email, and if it bounces back saying it cannot be delivered, we will accept the returned email document.

4) Is an Offender required to register all online identifiers?

- Yes

5) What if an offender no longer uses a website or an online identifier?

- Must provide verification that website has been deleted
- For example: an offender may delete it in our office in front of a SORE Unit Employee

- 6) What if an offender owns a domain?
- Must bring verification
 - Must list the domain name
 - Any websites associated to domain will need to be included
 - Any emails associated to domain will need to be included
- 7) Are offenders required to report any and all IP addresses used – including work?
- Yes, they also must provide authentication. One example is by using IP Chicken.
- 8) Is an offender required to report all phone numbers **they use** – even a girlfriend's, relative's, spouse's, or work's?
- Yes
- 9) What if an offender uses a phone someone else owns and/or pays for?
- Bring the phone bill that displays your name and registered phone number on it
 - If your name is not on the bill, the owner may complete an affidavit stating you have permission to use the phone. Please remember that an individual completing an affidavit on behalf of an offender must make an appointment via QLess to do so and report with valid ID and current proof of residency/ ownership (lease, deed, utility bill).
- 10) What if an offender closes a phone account?
- Must have verification that the phone number is deactivated
 - Examples: an e-mail from the company or letter on letterhead stating the account is closed.
- 11) What constitutes a “current” address verification?
- Lease, current utility bill, a landlord or property owner signing an affidavit (example: Landlord, roommate, domestic partner). Please remember a lease must have your name, the address, and the owner's signature on it in addition to the property management or landlords address and phone number. The utility bill must be in your name and must be no more than 30 days old showing you are up to date; delinquent bills are not valid.
 - Please remember that an individual completing an affidavit on behalf of an offender must make an appointment via QLess to do so and report with valid ID and current proof of residency/ ownership (lease, deed, utility bill).
- 12) Are offenders required to report temporary addresses?
- Yes
- 13) Are offenders required to report mailing addresses?
- Yes, all addresses where an offender receives mail must be reported.
- 14) Do offenders have to report vacations?
- Depending on the destination and length of a trip, offenders may be required by federal law to report the trip at least 21 days in advance (see also International Travel below). Therefore, please read carefully*:
 - When traveling within the United States and gone more than 7 days, the trip must be reported two weeks prior to departure.
 - The full address of each destination where the offender is staying must be reported
 - *Note: If an offender is traveling to or through another state, their statutes may require registration when coming into their State in as little as 24 hours

15) What if an offender is from another state temporarily residing in Missouri?

- Any offender from another state who has a temporary residence in this state and resides for more than 7 days in a 12-month period must register. This time must not be consecutive.
- The full address of each destination where the offender is staying must be reported.

16) International travel requirements

- Must be reported AT LEAST 21 days in advance
- Provide a copy of passport to SORE staff
- Must provide address and itinerary of offender's travel
- The full address of each destination where the offender is staying must be reported

17) How and what to report for employment

- All employment must be reported within 3 business days of beginning a job.
- If an offender is terminated from a job or quits, they must report it within 3 business days
- Acceptable proof of employment is a letter on company letter head with a signature of supervisor/owner of company. An example would be a letter of employment/termination.
- When reporting employment with:
 - Temp agencies
 - Must list temp agency and job site addresses where the offender will be working more than 7 days in a 12-month period
 - If an offender works 3 consecutive days, they need to report that place of employment
 - Union Halls
 - Must list union hall and addresses where the offender works more than 7 days in a 12-month period
 - If they work 3 consecutive days, they need to report that place of employment
 - Self-employed contractors
 - Must report business's physical address
 - Business license
 - They do not need to report all the places they will be working at if they are "mobile contractor"

18) Do I have to report every vehicle I own or operate – including my spouse's, work's, or friend's – even if my name is not on the title?

- Yes: Every vehicle an offender owns or operates must be reported.
- In the State of Missouri, your spouse's vehicle is marital property, so you own it, too.

19) How and what to report regarding vehicles you own or operate

- Vehicle must be reported within 3 business days of purchasing/driving vehicle with or without license plates – even if it does not run or is not licensed.
- When an offender receives the license plate, they must be reported within 3 business days - this includes temporary AND permanent license plates
- ANY vehicle that offender owns and/or operates (or co-signs etc.) must be reported
- All work vehicles that an offender operates must be reported
 - For example, if an offender is a mechanic, and the offender takes a vehicle OFF the property, they WILL need to be reported the offender works for a trucking/trash/UPS/bus company, etc., they will need to report ALL vehicles that they operate

- Vehicles which have been purchased by an offender must be placed on an offender's registration within 3 days of purchase regardless of if they are operated or registered the vehicle with the state within that time.

20) How to secure an appointment with the SORE unit

- There are two options to get an appointment in the SORE unit.
 - Same day service option-This is a first come first serve option that opens daily at 8:15 am. This service opens and closes throughout the day depending upon availability. If this option does not appear that means we are fully booked.
 - Scheduled appointments- This option lets an individual schedule an appointment for the same day or a future date. The system will only let an appointment be scheduled for an open time slot.
- In order to access the QLess application there are 3 options
 - First is by the QLess app which can be downloaded in the same manner as any other app on your device.
 - You also can access QLess via any internet connection via the web browser of your choice.
 - Finally for those who do not have access to the internet, the SORE Unit has provided a QLess kiosk that is open to the public. This is located in the lobby of 1315 Locust Street Kansas City, MO 64126. It is available anytime the building is open to the public.
- Please remember you must be in the QLess system under your own name to be seen by the SORE unit. We apologize for any inconvenience but we are unable to substitute appointments for different people.
- All links to QLess can be found on the Jackson County SORE unit Website or the QLess one pager information sheet.
 - *** Special note: if individuals utilize the app via an Apple device, they may experience some issues making multiple appointments. We suggest using the kiosk provided or opening the QLess program in a web browser***

