



## Sex Offender Travel Survey #1 Results

**The survey question:** *(this question was asked by Kevin Dunphy, Deputy Compact Administrator, RI)*  
How are requests for travel from sex offenders handled in your state?

- Forwarded to Sex Offender Registration Boards?
- Forwarded to State Police Departments?
- Forwarded to Local Police Departments?
- Compact Office handles request itself?
- Other, please give details:
- Other information you would like to add:

### **Arkansas:**

**Details:** The offender is responsible for notifying/registering with local law enforcement if they are going to be in the state more than 14 days.

### **Arizona:**

**Details:** In non-compact cases, sex offenders who are allowed to travel to Arizona for more than 10 days must register with local law enforcement that they are in the state. In non-compact cases, we are not asked if the offender can travel here-they just do. For Compact transfers: all requests to transfer a supervised sex offender on probation to Arizona go through the Arizona Probation Interstate Office.

### **Colorado:**

Compact Office

### **District of Columbia:**

Registration Boards, Local police departments, Compact Office

### **Florida:**

**Details:** Upon receipt of a sex offender travel permit, the FL Interstate Compact staff forwards a copy (via fax) to the field office in the area where the sex offender is traveling. The FL field office provides a copy of the travel permit to the local law enforcement agency to advise them of the sex offender's presence in the area.

### **Georgia:**

Compact Office

**Details:** For parole only, compact unit receives requests and forwards to visiting state at least 24 hours prior to travel.

### **Hawaii:**

Compact Office

**Other information:** How are travel permits for sex offenders handled by Compact offices?

### **Idaho:**

Other

**Details:** Travel requests are handled at the district probation/parole level in collaboration with the treatment provider, probation officer and district manager. Out of state travel is seldom granted (emergency basis only). Compliance and treatment progress are used to determine the granting of travel.

**Iowa:**

Details: The requests are forwarded to the local probation/parole office where the offender will be traveling. They take appropriate action as determined on the local level.

Other information: If we receive a travel permit from an Iowa agent allowing offender to travel out of state, we will forward it to that state's compact office.

**Kansas:**

Compact Office

Details: Discretion is used by parole staff to determine whether a travel permit is issued. If the travel permit is issued, the parole officer must fax the travel permit to the Kansas Interstate Compact Office. The Kansas Interstate Compact Office then faxes a copy of the travel permit to the Compact Office in the state the offender was granted permission to travel. Travel permits received from other states citing travel to Kansas are forwarded to the parole office nearest the travel destination.

**Kentucky:**

Compact Office

Details: Then the travel permit is faxed prior to their departure to the state in which they will pass through and the state's compact office in which they are visiting. We ask for registration requirements so we can notify offender of obligation.

**Louisiana:**

Other

Details: Our travel permits are faxed to the Compact Office of the state being visited by our sex offender. Travel permits received from other states are faxed to our applicable field office for their information.

**Maine:**

Compact Office

**Maryland:**

Local police department, compact office

Details: If time permits, requests are forwarded to local police and to local probation and parole offices. Normally there is only time to resend these travel permits to police departments. If the offender is coming to MD for transfer, then they would be required to register in MD as a sex offender if required to do so in the sentencing jurisdiction.

Other information: Maryland is assuming that this survey is covering routine travel and not interstate travel for transfer purposes. If the travel is to MD just for a short period (routine travel), then a copy of the travel permit would be forwarded to the police department in the area being visited.

Additional notes: Survey was unclear as to what type of travel. We get many travel permits from states making us aware that a sex offender will be in our state for a short period of time. This would be temporary travel for non compact purposes. In other words, vacation, etc. Any sex offender coming to MD for Interstate transfer would be required to register. Those requests are handled much different than someone just visiting.

**Michigan:**

Details: If the offender will be in Michigan for 10 days or more, he will be instructed to report to the nearest State Police post.

**Minnesota:**

Other

Details: When MN receives a travel permit for a sex offender we forward it to the probation/parole office in the county in which the offender is going to travel. It is assumed that the sending state has given the offender

registration directions or instructed the offender to check in with local law enforcement to find out the registration requirements.

**Mississippi:**

Compact Office

Other information: Forwarded to receiving state via fax to serve as notification of offender's arrival.

**Montana:**

Other

Details: Sex offenders are issued travel permits per Probation and Parole Policies; depends on what level of supervision they are on.

**Nebraska:**

Compact Office

Details: The information is forwarded to the field office. If the offender will be in the state longer than 5 days, they are required to register.

**New Mexico:**

Compact Office,

Details: NM is currently revising policies regarding the supervision of sex offenders. NM would also like ample notice that an offender is visiting our state.

**North Carolina:**

Compact Office

Details: Before issuing an out-of-state travel permit for a sex offender, the Probation/Parole Officer requires that the offender request the travel permit at least 15 days prior to travel to allow time for verification of information. Such travel is limited within the first year of supervision of the sex offender. The travel plans are verified by the probation/parole officer as well as verifying and approving all traveling companions. No minors will be allowed to travel with the sex offender. Verification is made to determine that no minor children will be staying at the residence visited. A criminal records check is conducted immediately before issuing the travel permit. A copy of the Travel Permit is faxed to the Interstate Compact Office so that notification can be made to those states through which the offender will be traveling allowing the Interstate Compact Office to obtain any additional local reporting instructions from the other state(s) prior to the sex offender's departure. The sex offender is required to report to local law enforcement in the county or city where he/she is visiting; obtain signature on the travel permit and provide same to the probation/parole officer upon return.

**Ohio:**

Compact Office, other

Details: Non-compact offenders traveling to other states must secure permission & a travel permit from their supervising officer. The only action the compact takes in these situations is forwarding the travel permit to the other state. Non-compact offenders traveling to Ohio: compact staff will forward the sex offender travel permits to the parole office in the region where the offender is visiting. The offender is not required to report to an officer.

**Oregon:**

State police, compact office

Other information: Travel permits for sex offenders leaving this state are forwarded to ISC and we forward them to the destination state. Incoming sex offender travel permits are sent to the State Police sex offender unit.

**Pennsylvania:**

State Police, other

Details: 1. Other states' sexual offenders traveling to PA: Temporary travel permits are faxed to and monitored by the PA State Police, Megan's Law Registry. Fax# 717-705-8839.

2. PA Sexual Offenders under consideration for temporary travel outside of PA: Prior to issuing the travel permit, the supervising agent must contact the point of contact person as indicated in the State and Territorial Sexual Offender Registering Agencies Directory to receive appropriate reporting instructions and/or information regarding that state's sexual offender registry requirements.

3. Sexual Offender travel within Pennsylvania: Field staff fax a copy of the temporary travel permit to local law enforcement and the supervision office covering the destination of travel AND/OR require the offender to stop in with local police and get the permit co-signed or obtain the duty officer's business card as proof of following the agent's instruction. When the offender reports back to the office, the Parole Agent shall ensure that the issued travel permit is received back from the offender.

Other information: The above explains how temporary for sexual offenders is handled for 1. offenders visiting PA 2. PA offenders traveling outside of PA and 3. sexual offender travel within Pennsylvania.

### **South Carolina:**

Other: If temporary travel, forwarded to county office who then provides to local law enforcement.

### **South Dakota:**

Compact Office

Details: Temporary Travel Permits are forwarded to parole or probation field office where offender is traveling.

### **Tennessee:**

Details: forwarded to local police offices who inform the local police department immediately.

### **Texas:**

Other

Details: The travel information is sent to the local office where the offender will be visiting.

### **Virginia:**

Compact Office, other

Details: Reporting instructions are issued in emergency or mandatory acceptance cases subject to check of home for children or victims by supervising district office.

Other information: Sex offenders are required to register with local or state police within 10 days of arrival.

### **Wisconsin:**

Other Information: I don't receive "requests for travel from sex offenders".

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