

## Offenders must register

The Department of Public Safety reminds all sex offenders living in the state, that Alaska Statute Section 12.63.010 requires convicted sex offenders who are physically in the state to register by Jan. 31. Offenders who fail to register with the state can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.

The registration process includes filling out a simple one page form, being fingerprinted and photographed. Sex offenders can register at any Alaska State Trooper or Fish and Wildlife Protection Post, or the municipal police department nearest their residence. Sex offenders in the Anchorage area may register at the Department of Public Safety's Permit & Licensing Office.

Initial registration for all persons currently convicted of a sex offense in Alaska or any jurisdiction must occur no later than Jan. 31. There is no registration fee. Sex offenders must register annually within 30 days prior to their birthday, unless the initial registration was completed less than three months before the sex offender's birthday.

Convicted sex offenders arriving in the state also have seven days to register if they are a probationer or parolee being supervised by the state, or have been released from an out-of-state correctional facility for a conviction in this state.

Sex offenders who move must provide written notice of their change of address within 10 days of the change. Sex offenders convicted of a single offense must register with the state for 15 years. Lifetime registration is required if convicted of two or more sex offenses.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Public Safety, Permits & Licensing Section, Sex Offender Central Registry in Anchorage, at 258-8892. Outside Anchorage and in Alaska, call toll-free 1-800-633-8892.