

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

“Notice of Obligation to Comply with the Sex Offender Information Registration Act” (Form 53)

This sheet summarizes information in Form 53, the Notice of Obligation to Comply with the Sex Offender Information Registration Act (Notice). It explains:

- when you must report to a Sex Offender Registration Centre (registration centre),
- what information you must give to staff at the registration centre and how it may be used,
- how to find your registration centres,
- the penalties if you do not report to a registration centre within the required time or if you give false or misleading information, and
- what you can do if you believe information registered in your name is incorrect, or
- what to do if you want to go to court and ask to be exempted from your obligations.

If you need more information, please consult a lawyer, the Sex Offender Information Registration Act and Criminal Code, or call the Sex Offender Information Line at 604-543-4700 within Greater Vancouver or 1-866-648-5933 Outside Greater Vancouver.

WHEN YOU MUST REPORT TO A REGISTRATION CENTRE

Reporting for the first time

When you receive your Form 53 “Notice” you must report **in person** to the registration centre that serves the area of your main residence. Your main residence is the place where you live most of the time.

If you are **not in custody** a year from when you received your Notice, you must report within 15 days after that date.

If you are **in custody** a year from when you receive your Notice, you must report to your registration centre within 15 days after you are released from custody.

If you have been served a Notice (Form 53) and then you receive an Order (Form 52) before you have reported to your registration centre, you should report as required by your **Order**.

If you made an application for exemption and your application is denied, you should report according to the terms on the Notice. You must report within one year and 15 days from the date you were served the Notice, or 15 days from the date your application for exemption was denied, whichever is later.

You are not allowed to leave Canada before you report to your registration centre for the first time.

If your probation officer requires you to report on other matters you must still do so. This Notice is in addition to those orders.

Continuing obligations to report

After you have reported for the first time to a registration centre, you must continue to report at certain times.

- You must report **in person** to your registration centre once a year between the 11th and 12th month after you last reported until the date shown at the bottom of your Notice.
- If you are in custody when you are supposed to report, you must notify the British Columbia Sex Offender Information Registration Centre by phoning the number listed at the bottom of this page.
- You must report **in person within 15 days** after you change your main residence or any secondary residence (a place other than your main residence where you live regularly). You should report to the registration centre that serves the area to which you have moved.
- If you change your first or last name, you must report this **in person** to your registration centre **within 15 days** of changing your name.
- If you are outside of Canada when you change your residence or any of your names, or when it is your annual reporting time, you must report to your registration centre within 15 days after you return to Canada.
- If you are going to be away from your main or secondary residence for more than 15 days in a row, you must notify your registration centre by **registered mail** or **by calling 1-866-648-5933 (toll-free from within Canada) or 604-543-4700 from outside Canada**. You can get a notification form from the registration centre or, if you are allowed to access the Internet, from the following website www.pssg.gov.bc.ca. You may also take the completed form to your registration centre in person. You must provide the following information:
 - If you will be traveling **inside Canada**, you must give the registration centre every address or location where you will be staying. You must give the registration centre the actual or estimated dates of when you will leave and return home (within 15 days of leaving home).
 - If you will be traveling **outside Canada**, you must provide the actual or estimated date you will be leaving your home (within 15 days of leaving home).

Whether you are traveling inside or outside Canada, you must notify your registration centre of your actual return date within 15 days of getting home.

- If you are in jail for more than 15 days for any reason, you must call the toll-free line within 15 days and tell them who you are, where you are, and how long you are going to be there.
- Upon your release, you must report to the registration centre that serves the area of your main residence within 15 days of your release.

WHAT INFORMATION YOU MUST GIVE THE REGISTRATION CENTRE

When you report to a registration centre, you must be able to show the staff some identification with a photo of you on it, like a driver's license or a passport. A student card is not acceptable.

You must give staff at the registration centre the following personal information:

- your given names, surname and aliases (this includes nicknames)
- your birth date and sex
- your height and weight and a description of all your marks, scars, piercings or tattoos

- the address and telephone number of the place you live most of the time (your main residence) as well as any other place you live (secondary residence)
- the address and phone number for all places where you work or volunteer
- the address of every school or training centre you attend (are enrolled in)
- every cell phone number or pager number you have
- when and where you were convicted of the offence for which you are now obligated to report to the registration centre.

The collector at the registration centre will take your photo. If staff at the registration centre needs further proof of your identity, you will be fingerprinted.

If you are under 18 years old, you have the right to have an adult with you when you report to the registration centre and when staff is asking you for information.

HOW TO FIND A REGISTRATION CENTRE

Registration centres are at RCMP stations and most police departments in B.C. You can find the number of your local RCMP or police station by looking in the phone book. You can also call 604-543-4700 if you are within Greater Vancouver or 1-866-648-5933 outside Greater Vancouver. If you are allowed to use the Internet, visit www.pssg.gov.bc.ca to find out which registration centre serves the area of your main residence (where you live most of the time.)

PENALTIES

If you do not report as required, you may be found guilty of an offence. If you knowingly provide false or misleading information to the registration centre, you may be found guilty of an offence and you could be fined up to \$10,000 or go to jail for up to two years.

YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU RECEIVE A NOTICE

You have some options and rights under the Sex Offender Information Registration Act. These are listed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of your Notice.

- You can ask for an exemption from a Notice
- If your request for exemption is denied, you may appeal that decision.
- You can apply to end a Notice.
- If your application to end a Notice is denied, you can appeal the decision not to end a Notice
- You will be given a copy of the information about you that is on the registry and you can ask for a copy of this information at any time.
- If you think your information is wrong, talk to the people at your registration centre.
- The information that you give to the staff at the registration centre can only be looked at, used or given out according to the guidelines listed in the Sex Offender Information Registration Act.

If you have more questions or require clarification, you should seek assistance to understand your obligations.