

School District Sex Offender Access

Often, CIRMA member school districts have to decide whether or not to allow a parent who is a registered sex offender onto school property. A sexual offender is defined in Connecticut General Statutes §54-250 through §54-261 and is required per these statutes to register on the state's sex offender registry. A parent/guardian sexual offender is an individual who meets this statutory definition of sexual offender and who either has parental or legal guardianship rights to a child attending a District school.

School property includes all land within the perimeter of the school site and all school buildings, structures, facilities, computer networks and systems, school vehicles, whether owned or leased by the school district and the site of any school-sponsored activity.

Recommendations

CIRMA Risk Management has identified under Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261, parent/guardian sexual offenders are prohibited from entering school property **except**:

1. When qualified, voters enter school property solely to cast their vote.
2. To attend an open meeting.
3. With the Superintendent's prior written approval in the following instances:
 - To transport their child to and from school.
 - Attend a conference to discuss their student's progress, placement, or individual education plan (IEP).
 - Under other circumstances, it is on a case-by-case basis, as determined by the Superintendent.

Sexual offenders who receive permission to enter school property must immediately report to the individual or location designated in the Superintendent's or their designee's written permission statement. The building Principal shall assign a chaperone to accompany the sexual offender while they are on school district property.

The only exceptions to these requirements are when the Superintendent grants permission to a parent/guardian sex offender to transport their child and when a student sex offender receives permission to attend a District school, in which case the guidelines developed for this individual shall apply.

For more information on this topic, please contact your CIRMA Risk Management Consultant.