

STATEWIDE DNA  
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY  
COLLECTIONS

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- In 2010, the Maryland Sex Offender Registration Law was amended to expand the definition of Sex Offenders required to register in compliance with the **Adam Walsh Act**.
- The Maryland Sex Offender law now states that a separate juvenile sex offender registry will be maintained.
- **ALL registered sex offenders must provide a DNA sample at registration.**
- It does not matter whether an individual is registering for the first time or is renewing their registration: the registering agency is required to check if a person has a DNA sample on file with MSP-FSD.
- If there is not a DNA sample on file, they **must** collect a DNA sample.

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- The DNA collection kit used to collect convicted offender and arrestee samples is also used to collect samples from registered sex offenders
- There are two Sex Offender Registries: Adult and Juvenile. Both must provide DNA samples.
- Older DNA collection kits will not have “Sex Offender” as a reason for collection check box. The collector will have to write “Sex Offender-Adult” or “Sex Offender-Juvenile” on older cards.
- There are separate areas on the DNA collection website, [CODNA.MDSP.ORG](http://CODNA.MDSP.ORG), for collecting Arrestee, Convicted Offender, and Sex Offender samples.

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- If an offender already has a Convicted Offender sample on file, they **DO NOT** need to provide a sex offender registry sample.
  - You can check if a person already has a Convicted Offender sample on file by going to [CODNA.MDSP.ORG](http://CODNA.MDSP.ORG) and using the “Check if Collected” module.
- If an offender already has an Arrestee sample on file, they **STILL MUST** provide a sex offender registry sample.

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## How to fill out the collection card

- Go to the website, [codna.mdsp.org](http://codna.mdsp.org), and use the “Collect Sex Offender” module
  - Note: Livescan machines DO NOT check if a sex offender needs to be collected. Even if you use Livescan, you still need to use the collection website listed above to see if a sample is already on-file and does not need to be collected.
- On the DNA collection card and outer mailing envelope, do not check arrestee or convicted offender; instead, write “SOR”.

Please see the following examples:







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## Mailing Envelope

DO NOT check Convicted  
Offender or Arrestee for  
Sex Offenders



AFFIX SECURITY

SEAL HERE

Convicted Offender

Arrestee

Collection Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARK THE TYPE OF SAMPLE ENCLOSED**

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## Mailing Envelope

Write in "SOR" or you can write out "Sex Offender"



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Convicted Offender

Arrestee

Collection Location: \_\_\_\_\_ SOR

**MARK THE TYPE OF SAMPLE ENCLOSED**

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- **The actual collection of a DNA sample from a registered sex offender is the same as for convicted offenders and arrestees**
  - Refer to video chapters 2 and 3 for the different collection methods.
  - Web-based collection should be used for all sex offender registry.
  - The manual collection method is a last resort. It is intended to be used only when access to the internet is unavailable.