On July 27, 2006, President George W. Bush signed the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act into law. The Act established strict new criminal penalties for sex offenders who fail to comply with their registration requirements. People who have been convicted of sex offenses are required to register as a sex offender in the jurisdictions where they live, work, go to school, and, in many cases, also in the jurisdiction where they were convicted. Any change in registration information must be reported within three business days.

Sex offenders who fail to register, or keep their registration current, may be subject to punishment up to ten years in federal prison, and up to thirty years imprisonment if they commit a crime of violence while non-compliant.

If you are a sex offender required to register due to a conviction under tribal law or under federal, state, local, military, District of Columbia, U.S. territorial law, or foreign law and you are not currently registered, call your local law enforcement agency to get information on how to register immediately.

The United States Marshals Service and the United States Attorney's office are actively investigating and prosecuting convicted sex offenders who fail to register as required by the Adam Walsh Child Protection Act.