**Fact Sheet: Guide for Traveling**

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Washington Sex Offender Policy Board

**Traveling outside of the United States**

Any person required to register pursuant to RCW 9A.44.130 who intends to travel outside of the United States must provide, by certified mail, with return receipt requested, or in person, signed written notice of the plan to travel outside of the country to the county sheriff of the county with whom the person is registered at least 21 days prior to travel.

**What does the notice of travel outside of the United States need to include?**

* Name
* Passport number and country
* Destination
* Itinerary details including departure and return dates
* Means of travel
* Purpose of travel

**What if the person cancels or postpones their travel outside of the United States?**

The offender must notify the county sheriff not later than three days after cancellation or postponement of the intended travel outside of the United States or the departure date, whichever is earlier.

**What if an offender needs to travel due to unexpected family or work emergencies?**

Notice must be submitted in person at least 24 hours prior to travel to the sheriff of the county in which the offender is registered. The offender must provide a written explanation of the circumstances which make compliance with regular travel requirements impracticable.

**What kind of notice is required to work, carry on a vocation or attend school in another state?**

Offenders who are required to register within Washington state but intend to work, carry on a vocation or attend school in another state shall register a new address, fingerprints and photograph with the new state within three business days. The offender must also send written notice to the county sheriff with whom they last registered in Washington state within three business days of moving to the new state.