



Daniel's Law

Reportable Offender Fact Sheet

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About Daniel's Law

Daniel's Law is new Queensland legislation that allows members of the public to access certain information about reportable offenders under the *Child Protection (Reportable Offender and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004*. The purpose of the law is to help parents, carers and the community make informed decisions to protect children. Information will only be released in strict accordance with the legislation.

What may be disclosed

Daniel's Law is an additional tool the community can use to help safeguard children. While referred to as a public register, the legislation creates a public disclosure scheme, where members of the public can apply to access limited information about reportable offenders. The disclosure scheme (named Daniel's Law) will be administered by the Queensland Police Service and delivered through www.danielslaw.qld.gov.au.

There are three types of disclosures that can be made under the new legislation.

Missing Reportable Offender webpage

The Missing Reportable Offender webpage publishes the photographs, name and year of birth of any reportable offender who has failed to comply with their reporting obligations **and** whose whereabouts are currently unknown to the Queensland Police Service.

Locality Search

The Locality Search allows eligible Queensland residents to apply for access to photographs of certain reportable offenders who are recorded as living in the same locality as the applicant at the time of the application. Only a photograph will be released — no other personal details will be provided.

To apply, Queensland residents must provide evidence of their address using a valid Queensland driver licence or other approved government-issued photographic identification.

Only reportable offenders with specific reporting durations are included in this type of disclosure. This is explained in section **74AG of the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004*** and includes offenders who are:

- required to comply with reporting obligations for a period under section 37(2) (10 years if convicted prior to October 2023), 38(3) (20 years if convicted post-October 2023) or 39(1) (lifelong reporting); or
- required to comply with reporting obligations imposed on the offender under part 4 for the remainder of the offender's life; or
- subject to a supervision order under the ***Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003***; or
- deemed to be a serious risk offender (explained under section 47AG subsection (5)).

Parent/Guardian Disclosure

The Parent/Guardian Disclosure enables Queensland parents and guardians to apply for information about whether a person who has, or may have, unsupervised contact with their child is a current reportable offender.

Applicants must provide evidence that they are the parent or legal guardian of the child or children and will need to explain the type of contact the person has or will have with their child, how often that contact does or will occur, and where.

The only information disclosed to the applicant is whether the person they are asking about is a reportable offender.



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Whose information can be disclosed?

Certain criteria must be met before a reportable offender's personal details can be released to the public.

Section **74AE of the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004*** outlines particular reportable offenders whose information will not be released to the general public. This includes persons who were under the age of 18 years at the time they committed a reportable offence and who have not reoffended as an adult.

How requests are managed

- All Daniel's Law requests are assessed and managed by a dedicated unit (the Child Protection Disclosure Unit) within the Child Protection Offender Registry.
- Local police stations do not process applications.
- Reportable offenders are not required to respond to requests and are not contacted for application processing unless required under the Act.

Any decision to release information is made by authorised decision-makers following a formal assessment against the legislation.

Your obligations

Daniel's Law does not change your existing reporting obligations under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004*.

You must continue to:

- comply with reporting requirements
- notify of any changes within the required timeframes
- meet all other obligations.

Any failure to comply may result in offences under the relevant legislation.

Misuse of information

Daniel's Law includes safeguards to help prevent acts of harassment, intimidation, vigilantism, or unauthorised publication of information. Specific offences will apply to this type of behaviour and police will investigate any offences related to Daniel's Law as required.

Providing false or misleading information in an application is a criminal offence under Queensland law and may result in prosecution.

Where to find more information

Further information about Daniel's Law and how it operates is available on the **Reportable Offender Information webpage** on the Queensland Police Service website, or scan the QR code.

For any questions about:

Your reporting obligations, please contact the Child Protection Offender Registry:

✉ **CPOR@police.qld.gov.au** or

📞 **1300 552 931**

The operation of Daniel's Law, please contact the Child Protection Disclosure Unit:

✉ **danielslaw@police.qld.gov.au**

Mail queries can be addressed to:

✉ **Child Protection Offender Registry,
GPO Box 1440, Brisbane QLD 4001.**



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