

**Ala. Code 1975, § 15-20A-10(b)**

**Failing to Register New Residence, Employment, or School  
(Adult)**

The defendant is charged with failing to register his/her new residence, employment, or school as an adult sex offender.

A person commits the crime of failing to register his/her new residence, employment, or school as an adult sex offender if he/she is an adult sex offender and immediately upon establishing a new residence, accepting employment, or beginning school attendance, he/she fails to appear in person to register with local law enforcement in each county in which he/she establishes a residence, accepts employment, or begins school attendance.

To convict, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- (1) The defendant was an adult sex offender;
- (2) The defendant failed to appear in person immediately upon establishing a new residence, accepting employment, or beginning school attendance to register with local law enforcement in each county in which he/she establishes a residence, accepts employment, or begins school attendance; **(AND)**
- (3) The defendant did so knowingly.

*An adult sex offender* is a person convicted of a sex offense. [15-20A-4(1)]

A *sex offense* includes any of the following offenses: **[Insert all appropriate from 15-20A-5]**.

A *conviction* is a verdict or finding of guilt as the result of a trial, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, or an *Alford* plea regardless of whether adjudication was withheld. Conviction includes, but is not limited to, a conviction in a United States territory, a conviction in a federal or military tribunal, including a court martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States, a conviction for an offense committed on an Indian reservation or other federal property, a conviction in any state of the United States or a conviction in a foreign country if the foreign country's judicial system is such that it satisfies minimum due process set forth in the guidelines under Section 111(5)(B) of Public Law 109-248. Cases on appeal are deemed convictions until reversed or overturned. [15-20A-4(4)]

*Immediately* is within three business days. [15-20A-4(10)]

A *residence* is each fixed residence or other place where a person resides, sleeps, or habitually lives or will reside, sleep, or habitually live. If a person does not reside, sleep, or habitually live in a fixed residence, residence means a description of the locations where the person is stationed regularly, day or night, including any mobile or transitory living quarters or locations that have no specific mailing or street address. Residence shall be construed to refer to the places where a person resides, sleeps, habitually lives, or is stationed with regularity, regardless of whether the person declares or characterizes such place as a residence. [15-20A-4(20)]

A *fixed residence* is a building or structure, having a physical address or street number, that adequately provides shelter at which a person resides. [15-20A-4(6)]

*Habitually lives* is where a person lives with some regularity on an intermittent or temporary basis. [15-20A-4(7)]

*Employment* is full-time, part-time, self-employment, or employment as an independent contractor or day laborer for any period, whether financially compensated, volunteered, or for the purpose of government or educational benefit. [15-20A-4(5)]

A *school* includes an educational institution, public or private, including a secondary school, a trade or professional school, or an institution of higher education. [15-20A-10(h)]

*Local law enforcement* is the sheriff of the county and the chief of police if the location subject to registration is within the corporate limits of any municipality. [15-20A-4(13)]

A person acts *knowingly* with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense he/she is aware that his/her conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists. [13A-2-2(2)]

If you find from the evidence that the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the elements of the offense, then you shall find the defendant guilty of this offense.

If you find that the State has failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt any one or more of the elements of the offense, then you cannot find the defendant guilty of this offense.

### **Use Notes**

See 15-20A-35 for treatment of youthful offender.

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