

A new system allows New Yorkers to sign up for alerts when sex offenders move into or out of a community

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A new system allows New Yorkers to sign up for alerts when moderate and high-risk sex offenders move into or out of a community.

The state Division of Criminal Justice Services system allows New Yorkers to flag communities of interest to their family and then get alerts by a phone, e-mail, text message or fax. They can sign up for notices involving three communities at once.

There are more than 30,000 registered sex offenders living in the state.

The alerts will be carried by the State Emergency Management Services system.

More information about signing up is at the criminal justice services Web site: http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us.

The system announced Monday was created in a law passed last year.