1. Can a child sex offender live with children?

There are no Illinois laws which prohibit a child sex offender from being around children, unless it is at a park, school, or any location designed exclusively for people under the age of 18. If you would like a further investigation into the welfare of a child present in the same house as an offender, you should contact the Department of Children and Family Services. The Department of Children and Family Service Hotline is 800-25-ABUSE.

Within three days of beginning to reside in a household with a child under 18 years of age who is not his or her own child, the child sex offender must report this information to the registering law agency.

1. Can a child sex offender have unsupervised contact with children?

It is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a minor to knowingly leave that minor in the custody or control of a child sex offender, or allow the child sex offender unsupervised access to the minor. This does not apply to those child sex offenders who 1) is a parent of the minor, 2) convicted of Sexual Abuse (720 ILCS 5/12-15-c), or 3) is married to and living in the same household with the parent or guardian of the minor. A person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.