



School Check IN

OffenderCHECK -- Frequently Asked Questions

What is School Check IN?

SCHOOL CHECK IN is a fast, easy to use and reliable visitor management system that increases school security by scanning each visitor's driver's license to compare the visitor's information to the SCI National Sex Offender Database. If a match is found, campus administrators and security are alerted. If no match is found, then a visitor ID badge with photo is printed.

How does it work?

School Check IN checks the visitor's first name, middle name, last name, gender, and date of birth against the School Check IN National Sex Offender Database and DC, PR, VI, Guam, NU and approximately 50 Native American Tribes.

The SCI National Sex Offender Database is the largest and most comprehensive sex offender database available. Plus the School Check IN National Sex Offender Database is updated every two weeks.

Why is School Check IN's OffenderCHECK better?

School Check IN's OffenderCHECK exceeds all competitors and is better because

1. **ACCURATE SCANS** -- Our scanning process and the driver license scanners we use are faster and produce the most accurate results possible. Scanning the visitor's license and getting the visitor data right is the most important first step.
2. **LARGEST OFFENDER DATABASE** -- School Check IN's National Sex Offender Database is the largest and most complete database available. We own and maintain this database. Our database is updated bi-weekly. Some competitors use outdated databases that are only updated once or twice a year.
3. **NO THIRD PARTY** -- We do not use any third party database. Competitors use third party offender databases. What that means for you is that your visitor data is being sent to an unknown third party vendor with no data security and over which you have no control. Sharing your visitor data with these third party providers is a data security risk that we cannot accept.

Will there be false positives?

Yes, false positives can occur on any sex offender search. The primary reason for the false positives is that some states like SC, VA, GA, etc... do not provide offender DOB (date of birth) information. Having the offender DOB is a key search criteria. If the DOB is missing, then there is a greater chance of false positives. When false positives occur, please compare the visitor's information and photo to the offender's information and photo. Offender alerts show the visitor on top with matching offenders listed underneath. Configure alerts to automatically be sent out to school administrators and school security or to be manually sent out.

If the visitor has a false positive and does not match any offender, then click the "Good Guy" button and add this visitor to your Good Guy List. In the future that visitor will not be flagged against that offender again. Remember, that we monitor all offender alerts, and when we see a match, we will call the school.

Why do so many schools and school districts use School Check IN?

In two words – School Safety. School safety is the highest priority. School Check IN will provide a fast and reliable system to track visitors and to stop people who shouldn't be on campus. School Check IN prints visitor badges that include a photo, the name of the visitor, time, date and purpose for the visit.

What other information is the school taking from drivers' licenses?

School Check IN scans the visitor's driver license and uses the visitor's name, gender date of birth and photo for comparison with SCI's national database of registered sex offenders. Additionally, School Check IN does not share any data with any outside company or organization.

Should we scan every visitor into the system, including employees?

YES! Good school security starts with a consistent policy and process. Only "BADGED" school or district employees would be exempt from scanning their license, but employees should check in as faculty & staff. Employees who do not have an employee badge or who are not visiting the school for school business must scan their license and wear the School Check IN badge.

Can we require visitors, even parents, to produce identification before entering the campus?

Yes. But this depends on school/district policy and applicable state law. You need to know who is on your campus and why they are there, especially in case of a school emergency.

What if the person refuses to show identification?

If anyone refuses to provide ID, then call your school's administrator or school security, or School Resource Officer immediately. School administrators can explain the school security policy to them and determine if they wish to make an exception. Exceptions are NOT recommended.

If a person does not have a state issued ID, then the visitor's information can be manually entered, and if a web camera is attached, a photo can be taken. Manually entered visitor information will be checked against the SCI National Offender Database.

Is it required to scan diver licenses for police officers, firemen, soldiers in military uniforms, etc..?

Yes. You need to know who is on your campus, and checking people in will help you know who is on campus, especially in the case of a school emergency.

If we get a "hit" what should we do? Am I in danger?

1. **DON'T PANIC.** It's more likely that this is a false positive than a true positive.
2. Compare the visitor information and photo to the SCI offender results and photo.
3. Follow your school or district's policies and procedures.

Registered sex offenders are convicted felons. No one can say for sure how this person will react. The best advice for you is to remain calm and don't provoke a response. Ask the person to have a seat because the school administrator is coming to assist them. Do not provide any additional details or further information. Be cautious, and watch their behavior, demeanor, stance, language and voice levels.

Be advised that a registered sex offender (convicted felon) may have a student at your school for which they have legal custody. Your schools should consider this and develop a plan for how your school will deal with a convicted offender who has legal custody of a student and how meetings with teachers or administrators, or school events will be handled.

In any case, offenders should only be allowed limited access and should be escorted at all times by a school administrator or school security. At no time while they are on campus should an offender be allowed unsupervised contact with a student.

How much does School Check IN cost?

Depending upon each school's selection of scanner and printer options, a system's startup cost could be from \$995 to \$1,500 per campus.

Can registered sex offenders and predators have access to our school?

Not necessarily. In most states, state law prohibits convicted and/or registered sex offenders from coming onto school campuses. Most offenders stay away from schools because they do not want to be re-arrested and sent back to prison.

Is there a national sex offender database maintained by the government?

There is no national sex offender database. The concept of a national offender database is a false myth. No such database exists. The U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) offers a web site that you can use to search for registered offenders. But in this site's FAQs, it clearly states that this is a "link" to each individual state's sex offender database.

One competitor, in violation of the US DOJ's policy, links users to this web site, and then makes users manually re-enter the visitor information and perform manual searches. The US DOJ's web site does not offer any search tools to make searches viable. Without search tools, results will include thousands of erroneous matches. Can you imagine your school's secretary looking through hundreds of web pages to see if the visitor standing in front of the secretary is a registered sex offender?

In ~3 seconds and with pinpoint accuracy, School Check IN's Visitor Check IN does the most accurate search possible.