



# Adult Protective Services Recommended Guidelines



**Purpose: To recommend guidelines for residents when Sexual Offenders/Predators reside in long-term care facilities in Florida.**

**Form Completion Instructions:** *Provide recommended guidelines information requested in each of the shaded boxes below.*

**1. Issue** *(Briefly describe why there is a need to recommend guidelines, or describe the problem the guidelines are intended to address)*

Sexual Offenders or Predators residing in long-term care facilities in Florida.

**2. Description of Recommended Guideline** *(Provide detailed information of the recommended guideline)*

1. Adult Protective Services staff will notify the administrator of the long-term care facility when an individual for which the Department seeks placement is listed on the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Sexual Offenders/Predators public registry. The notification will be made prior to the facility receiving the Sexual Offender/Predator for admission.
2. The long-term care facility may utilize the FDLE Sexual Offenders/Predators public registry as a routine screening mechanism for facility admissions.
3. The long-term care facility must develop an appropriate and individualized care plan for any known Sex Offender/Predator residing in the facility in accordance with current state and federal regulations.

**3. Resources Needed to Implement the Recommended Guidelines** *(Identify human and material resources needed)*

1. Adult Protective Services staff – for screening potential placements through the FDLE database.
2. Appropriate long-term care staff – for the development of the Sexual Offender/Predator's individualized care plan.
3. Resident, resident's family, and other legal representatives – for participation in the development of the care plan to the extent they are capable and available.
4. Internet Access – for FDLE Sexual Offenders/Predators public registry screening.

**4. Other Comments** *(Provide any additional comments regarding the recommended guidelines)*

1. The Agency for Healthcare Administration will post on its website the "guidelines" recommended for Sexual Offenders/Predators residing in long-term care facilities in Florida.
2. Nursing homes are required by federal and state regulations to provide for residents' rights and their safety.
3. Assisted living facilities are required by state regulations to provide for residents' rights and their safety.