

## **National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) Information for Churches with Childcare**

In the summer of 2019, the PA State Legislature updated Act 47 and signed new requirements into law regarding childcare facilities and churches are not exempt. Effective September 30, 2019, all staff and volunteers working within a childcare facility must obtain the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) verification certificate. Local churches with childcare on the premises (whether a direct ministry of the church or a lease agreement with a third party) will also be subject to this law. All staff will have to obtain the NSOR verification, as well as any volunteers who are regularly on property during childcare hours. Incidentally, private nursery schools are exempt from this new law per PA Code 3270.3.(b)(4).

Further information on obtaining verification is available by going to <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov/natsexoffreg/index.htm> Currently all applicants for NSOR verification must print and fill out the application. There is no fee for the NSOR verification and processing time is about 14 days. Certificates should be uploaded to the user's profile in Ministry Safe (Last Name – First Initial - NSOR – Date of Report ex: Smith-J – NSOR – 09.04.19).