

The Downtown Cornerstone Church (DCC) Sex Offender Policy is designed to protect families, members, visitors and “Sex Offenders” (SO) by encouraging accountability, full-disclosure, and compliance with the laws of Washington State. Our aim is love and our hope for all is complete redemption. However, there are consequences for sin and, therefore, a need for wise guidelines and loving policies for the welfare of all. Therefore, all SO’s who wish to participate with DCC are required to review the *Sex Offender Policy & Steps to Worship* and sign the *Agreement Contract*.

**Step #1.** Sex Offenders must make their status known to DCC upon arrival. Please tell us your story, including: nature and timeframe of your conviction(s), SO “Level”, state-provided parameters, etc. You may provide this in verbal or written form to any DCC pastor or deacon. Please also include why you are seeking to participate with DCC. We want to know you and your story.

**Step #2.** Sex Offenders must first get permission and/or further instruction from their Community Corrections Officer (CCO) in order to participate with DCC. Direct contact by DCC with the CCO is required, whether via email, phone, or in person. Please provide us with the contact information of your CCO and let him/her know that we will be calling to verify your story and clarify necessary stipulations. This is to ensure DCC is acting in line with Washington State law and the SO is acting in integrity.

**Step #3.** Participation with DCC on Sunday will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Unless otherwise stated, all SO Levels need a DCC approved escort in order to participate on Sunday due to the presence of minors. This is in accord with Washington State law and Biblical wisdom. The SO will not be permitted to be onsite or left alone without an escort. The escort cannot be a fellow participant in an addiction/recovery program.

**Step #4.** Unless otherwise stated, all SO “Levels” cannot participate in mixed Cornerstone Communities. This is due to the presence of minors and women in a setting that is intended to promote openness, intimacy and safety for all. SO’s will be encouraged, however, to participate in gender-specific Discipleship Groups.

**Step #5.** All SO’s, regardless of “Level”, must agree to sign and submit to the DCC Sex Offender Agreement in the presence of a witness. See next page.

Additional Agreements:

- ➔ **NMR, Kids, Bathrooms:** Under no circumstances are SO’s permitted to be in or near the Nursing Mother’s Room (NMR) or Cornerstone Kids Room. Absolutely no contact with children of DCC is permitted. Additionally, SO’s are not permitted to use the bathroom alone. When in the bathroom they should use the stalls rather than the urinals so there is no possibility of accusation.
- ➔ **Deception:** If a SO is discovered participating with DCC without having made known his status as a SO or he is not acting in alignment with the above stated parameters, he will be asked to postpone his participation as trust is violated and repentance (particularly in the area of secrecy) is not being demonstrated. Steps for re-building trust will be outlined on a case-by-case basis.
- ➔ **Church Notification:** The notification of the church body regarding the presence of a Sex Offender will be done on a case-by-case basis, as most appropriate.

**A note to Sex Offenders:** We understand that this may be hard to receive. Jesus loves lost people and freely offers forgiveness of sin to all who trust Him. Apart from Him, we are all lost and in need of a Savior. We ask that you trust Him, with us. This policy is our attempt to create parameters for our new relationship and create a path for ongoing redemption. We’re committed to you and that process - if you are - and expect big things from our big God. We are 100% for you in Jesus Christ, but even better, God is. Let’s do this together.

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# Sex Offender Agreement Contract

Compliance with this signed contract will allow those who are “Sex Offenders”, and others with a known history of similar kinds of sin and/or crime not previously convicted, to participate in DCC functions in order to know and love Jesus, experience redeemed community, and learn to live in light of the gospel of Christ.

I understand and commit to abide by the Sex Offender Policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness' Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Date

Approved DCC Escort

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name Date

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Sex Offender “escort” expectations include:

- ➔ Familiarizing yourself with the *Sex Offender Policy & Steps to Worship* is recommended. Please keep in mind that you have been selected as a shepherd, not a baby-sitter. We encourage you to get to know the SO whom you are escorting, asking questions, offering prayers, expressing interest, etc. This is a real ministry opportunity and privilege. We recommend reviewing these expectations with the SO in advance, so as to minimize misunderstanding and miscommunication.
- ➔ The SO is never to be alone while participating with DCC. You must stay within 10 feet of the SO at all times and, thereby, never letting him out of your line-of-sight. Attempt to make this as natural as possible.
- ➔ You must ensure the SO is among the first to enter the building and the first to exit the building, thus minimizing the amount of time spent in the presence of minors. Whenever families begin arriving, no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the function, you must escort the SO to your seats within the first few rows of seating.
- ➔ Under no circumstances are you to permit the SO be in or near the Nursing Mother’s Room or Cornerstone Kids Room. Absolutely no contact by the SO with children of DCC is permitted.
- ➔ You must escort the SO to the bathroom. When in the bathroom he should use the stalls rather than the urinal so there is no possibility for accusation (i.e. public exposure, indecency, etc.)
- ➔ If you cannot attend on a particular Sunday you must inform DCC Leads ASAP and attempt to inform the SO prior to Sunday since he will not be able to attend.
- ➔ If you become aware of any risky or deviant behavior by the SO whether on Sunday or in an outside meeting, you must contact their Community Corrections Officer (CCO) and DCC Leads ASAP. If they exhibit any illegal or dangerous behavior, you are responsible to alert the police immediately, then contact their CCO and DCC Leads.

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