



# Sex Offender

## POLICY & STEPS TO WORSHIP

### SUMMARY

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.

### STEPS:

- **Step #1.** Sex Offenders must make their status known to DCC prior to engagement or immediately upon arrival. Please write out or 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 (or state) approved chaperone 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 a chaperone. Chaperones may not be available for every service. The SO will be notified when escorts are available.
- **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.

**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.

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.

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Signature

Date

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Printed Name

Date

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Witness' Signature

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Printed Name

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Approved DCC Escort

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