



History of Registries in U.S.

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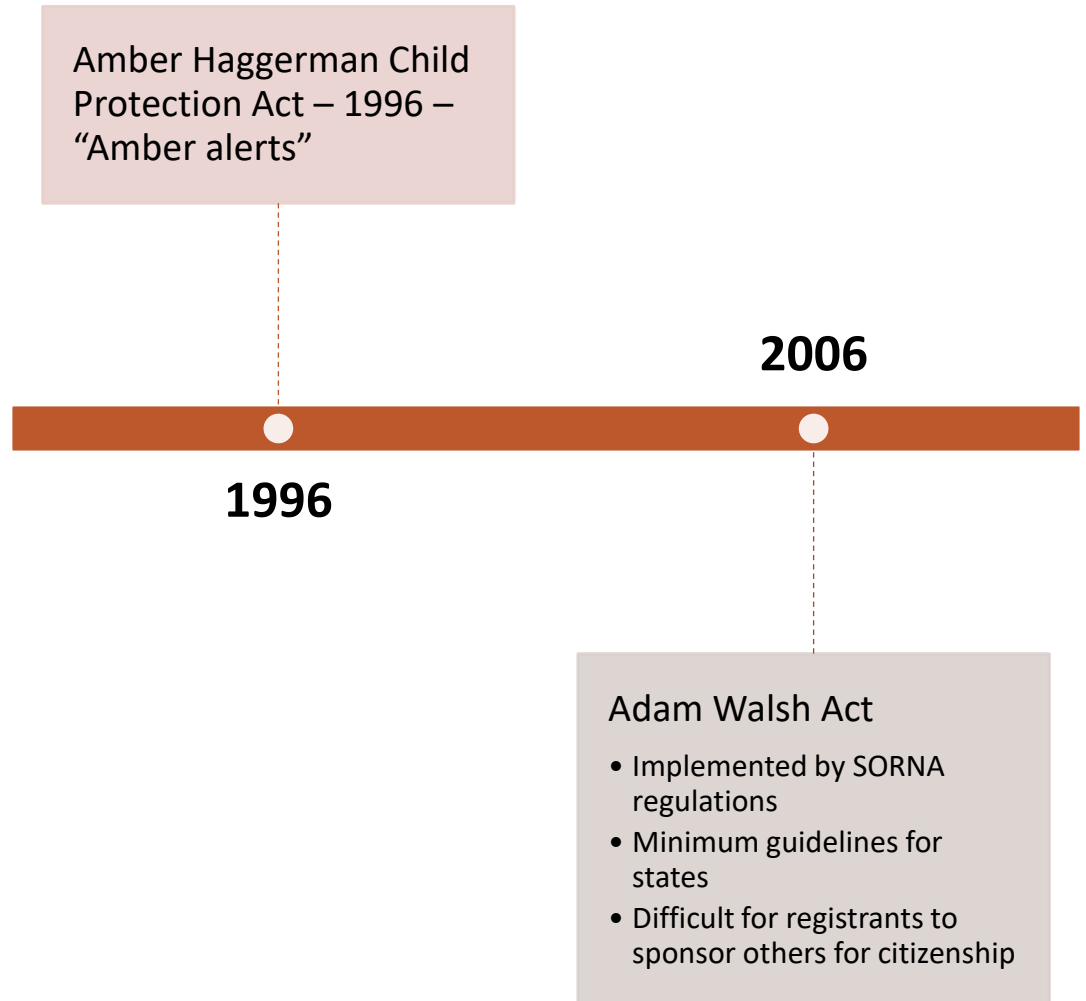
In the
beginning

- First registry – California
 - City of Los Angeles – 1947
 - Sole focus: gay men
- California registry expanded
 - Entire state
 - Multiple offenses

Beyond California

- Washington – 1990
 - First state to make sex offender information publicly available
- Federal government
 - Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children – 1994
 - Required all states to create registries
 - Information limited to law enforcement
 - Megan's Law - 1996
 - Required all states to make registries public
 - States vary on information posted on public websites

More federal laws



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- International Megan's Law – 2016
 - “Covered sex offender”
 - Victim under 18
 - Required to register in one or more states
 - Must notify law enforcement 21 days before overseas travel
 - Must have “unique identifier” added to passport

Important court decisions

- U. S. Supreme Court
 - Connecticut Dept. of Public Safety v. Doe - 2002
 - Upheld public disclosure of registrant information
 - Smith v. Doe – 2003
 - Registration not punishment
 - New laws may be applied retroactively
 - Based upon “frightening and high” risk of re-offense
 - Psychology Today magazine article
 - Author subsequently retracted statement

Current Trends

New laws continue to be passed

- Cities, counties, states, federal government
- Create new collateral consequences

Outlier states – Michigan, Pennsylvania, Colorado*

- Disagree that registry is not punishment
- Decisions based upon current facts

Thank You



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