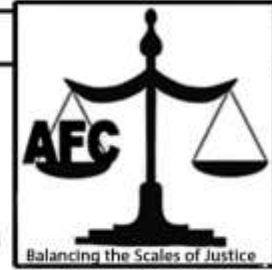


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## Sex Offense Issues

affecting change in Colorado's sex offense laws, policies, and attitudes



# SCARLET LETTER

Many states are making sex offender registration a lifetime requirement. Register or face prison. The belief is if you ever commit any of the prohibited offenses, you can never be rehabilitated, or forgiven. Like Hester Prynne, you must wear a Scarlet Letter. Everyone must know of your mistake and you must be punished for the rest of your life. You can murder, pillage, burn down the village—serve your time, and go on with your life, but you dare not commit a sex offense.

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## Have we as a society gone nuts??

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