

Selective Service Registration Basics

- All male residents of the United States between the ages of 18 to 26 are expected to register with Selective Service. The penalties in the law for failure to register are up to five year in prison & up to a \$250,000 fine. However, no prosecutions have occurred since the early 1980's, but should a draft return it is very likely that some males who have failed to register would be prosecuted.
- Other consequences of not registering include:
 - Not being eligible for public financial aide for college or for employment with the federal government.
 - Not being eligible to be drafted if a draft were to return.
- Some states prohibit issuing drivers' licenses for failure to register, but Oregon does not do this. If a male registers before they become 26, these consequences go away.
- Some males refuse to register as a part of preparing to make a conscientious objection case, something to consider only if done with knowledge of the various options and consequences.
- All male immigrants, whether documented or not, are to register as they are "residents" of the US. Only those males here on a visitor status are exempt. Scary as it may be to register while being undocumented, failure to do so might prohibit any future chance to become a citizen.
- Undocumented immigrants should leave the Social Security # space blank to avoid any future danger of prosecution for use of a false ID number.

For more information, call CALC at 485-1755, x205, Draft & Conscientious Objection Program.