

**WAC 308-10-060 Protection of public records.** The department is primarily a licensing agency. The records consist mainly of operational files that are subject to high usage. In order to ensure that essential functions of the agency are continually carried out, and the public records are not damaged, altered, disorganized, or lost, access to the record storage areas is restricted. Public records will be inspected in the offices in which they are filed and maintained. Inspection shall be in the presence of an authorized department staff employee. Inspection shall be denied and the records will be withdrawn if the individual inspecting the records is doing so in a manner to damage, alter, or substantially disorganize them. Inspection shall be denied and records withdrawn if the individual inspecting the records attempts to remove them from the prescribed location or is excessively interfering or will unduly interfere with other essential functions of the department.

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