

**WAC 388-02-0375 What happens at your hearing?** At your hearing:

- (1) The ALJ:
  - (a) Explains your rights;
  - (b) Marks and admits or rejects exhibits;
  - (c) Ensures that a record is made;
  - (d) Explains that a decision is mailed after the hearing;
  - (e) Notifies the parties of appeal rights;
  - (f) May keep the record open for a time after the hearing if needed to receive more evidence or argument; and
  - (g) May take actions as authorized according to WAC 388-02-0215.
- (2) The parties may:
  - (a) Make opening statements to explain the issues;
  - (b) Offer evidence to prove their positions, including oral or written statements of witnesses;
  - (c) Question the witnesses presented by the other parties; and
  - (d) Give closing arguments about what the evidence shows and what laws apply.
- (3) At the end of the hearing if the ALJ does not allow more time to send in evidence, the record is closed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020. WSR 00-18-059, § 388-02-0375, filed 9/1/00, effective 10/2/00.]