

**WAC 388-14A-2045 What can I do if I am afraid that cooperating with the division of child support will be harmful to me or to my children?** (1) If a custodial parent (CP) receiving public assistance fears that the establishment or enforcement of support may result in harm to the CP or the children, the CP may be excused from the cooperation requirements. The CP must contact the community services division (CSD) to claim good cause not to cooperate under WAC 388-422-0020. The CP may claim good cause:

- (a) At the time of application for public assistance; or
- (b) At any time thereafter.

(2) If a CP who is not receiving public assistance fears that the establishment or enforcement of support may result in harm to the CP or the children, the CP should tell the division of child support (DCS) that family violence is an issue in the case, so that DCS may take appropriate action. The CP may ask DCS to close the nonassistance support enforcement case.

[Statutory Authority: 2012 c 253 § 5, 2012 1st sp.s. c 4, RCW 34.05.220, 43.20A.550, 74.04.055, 74.08.090, and 70.20.040. WSR 12-18-027, § 388-14A-2045, filed 8/27/12, effective 9/27/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 34.05.020, 34.05.220, 74.08.090, 74.20.040, and 2011 c 42. WSR 11-23-087, § 388-14A-2045, filed 11/17/11, effective 12/18/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 01-03-089, § 388-14A-2045, filed 1/17/01, effective 2/17/01.]