

**WAC 388-14A-2041 What happens if I don't cooperate with DCS while I receive public assistance?** (1) If you receive public assistance, there may be penalties, called sanctions, for not cooperating with the division of child support (DCS). These sanctions and the non-cooperation process are described in WAC 388-14A-2075. You may be sanctioned if:

- (a) You do not go to scheduled interviews and answer questions;
- (b) There is credible evidence showing that you could have given the information but did not;
- (c) You have been giving inconsistent or false information without a good reason; or
- (d) You refuse to sign or honor a repayment agreement under WAC 388-14A-2040(3).

(2) You must be given the opportunity to swear you do not have the information.

(3) You cannot be sanctioned because you provided information on a possible parent who was then excluded by genetic testing. In this event you must continue to cooperate in naming other possible parents and taking part in any resulting genetic testing.

(4) You may not be able to help DCS if you do not know, do not possess, or cannot reasonably obtain the requested information. To avoid a sanction, you must, under penalty of perjury, swear or attest to your lack of information in an interview held by DCS or its representative.

(5) If you fear that cooperation may cause harm to you or your children, you may contact the community services division (CSD) to claim good cause not to cooperate under WAC 388-422-0020.

[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-2041, filed 11/17/11, effective 12/18/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 26.23.035, 74.20A.310. WSR 01-03-089, § 388-14A-2041, filed 1/17/01, effective 2/17/01. Formerly WAC 388-14-202.]