

WAC 16-06-205 Protection of public records. In order to adequately protect the department's public records, the following will apply:

(1) Public records made available for inspection may not be removed from the area the department makes available for inspection. The department has the discretion to designate the means and the location for the inspection of records.

(2) Inspection of any public record will be conducted in the presence of a designated department employee.

(3) Public records may not be marked or altered in any manner during inspection.

(4) After inspection is complete, the public records officer or designee will make requested copies or arrange for copying.

(5) Public records that are maintained in a file or jacket, or in chronological order, may not be dismantled except by a designated department employee for purposes of copying.

(6) Whenever a public records request involves an entire file, a group of records, or a large number of records, the department is allowed a reasonable time to review the records to determine whether information is exempt from disclosure under chapter 42.56 RCW or other law.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 34.05, 42.56, and 43.23 RCW. WSR 09-03-032, § 16-06-205, filed 1/12/09, effective 2/12/09. Statutory Authority: Chapters 42.17 and 43.23 RCW. WSR 96-14-086, § 16-06-205, filed 7/2/96, effective 8/2/96.]