

**WAC 246-15-020 Rights and responsibilities—Whistleblower and department.** (1) The identity of the whistleblower remains confidential when, in good faith, the whistleblower:

(a) Complains about the improper quality by a health care provider or in a health care facility;

(b) Initiates any investigation or administrative proceeding about a complaint of improper quality of care; or

(c) Submits a notification or report of an adverse event or an incident to the department under RCW 70.56.020 or to the independent entity under RCW 70.56.040.

(2) The identity of the whistleblower under subsection (1) of this section will be revealed only:

(a) To appropriate government agency staff or disciplining authority member;

(b) By court order; or

(c) If the complaint initiation, notification, or report was not made or done in good faith.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.075 and 2019 c 62. WSR 22-02-017, § 246-15-020, filed 12/27/21, effective 1/27/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.075 and 43.70.040. WSR 97-02-013, § 246-15-020, filed 12/20/96, effective 1/20/97.]