

**WAC 388-02-0340 How is your hearing held?** (1) Hearings may be held in person or by telephone conference.

(2) A telephone conference hearing is where all parties appear by telephone.

(3) An in-person hearing is where you appear face-to-face with the ALJ and the other parties appear either in person or by telephone.

(4) Whether a hearing is held in person or by telephone conference, the parties have the right to see all documents, hear all testimony and question all witnesses.

(5) Parties and their witnesses may appear in person or by telephone conference. The ALJ may require parties and/or their witnesses to appear in person if the ALJ determines there is a compelling reason, and the compelling reason is stated in a hearing notice or pre-hearing order.

(6) After a telephone conference hearing begins, the ALJ may stop, reschedule, and convert the hearing to an in-person hearing if the ALJ determines there is a compelling reason to do so.

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