

**WAC 296-06-080 Authorization to release information.** Some public records are protected from inspection and/or copying by state and/or federal law. You may access these records by either:

- Being the person legally authorized to access them; or
- Getting a notarized written authorization from the person with legal access. This authorization must:
  - Include a description of the records.
  - State the name of the person or persons authorized to inspect and copy the records.
  - Be signed and dated by the person with legal access to the records.

**Note:** If the records contain information about a disease or a condition usually transmitted through sexual contact, the release authorization must specifically mention sexually transmitted disease.

Authorizations to release information, once submitted to the department, become a part of the public record and the department's files.

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