



WSTIP Public Records Act List of Exemptions

Purpose: To comply with the Public Records Act requirement that public agencies provide a list of laws that may provide an exemption to disclosure other than mentioned in the Public Records Act. [RCW 42.56.070(2)]. This list is not exhaustive. Under RCW 42.56.070(2) “An agency’s failure to list an exemption shall not affect the efficacy of any exemption.”

RCW 5.60.060 Privileged communications

RCW 5.60.070 Court-ordered mediation records

RCW 18.04.405 Confidentiality of information gained by CPA

RCW 19.34.240(3) Private digital signature keys

RCW 19.215.030 Compliance with federal regulations

RCW 26.44.030 Reports of child abuse/neglect

RCW 27.53.070 Records identifying the location of archaeological sites

RCW 29A.08.720 Voter registration records - place of registration confidential

RCW 40.14.070 Preservation and destruction of public records

RCW 42.23.070(4) Municipal officer disclosure of confidential information prohibited

RCW 42.41.030(7) Identity of local government whistleblower

RCW 42.41.045 Non-disclosure of protected information (whistleblower)

RCW 42.56.230 (3) Non-disclosure of employee PII when disclosure would violate their privacy

RCW 42.56.230 (5) Non-disclosure of financial information and SSN

RCW 42.56.235 Disclosure of religious beliefs, practices or affiliation of any individual

RCW 42.56.335 (3) Disclosure of PII for Vanpool participants

RCW 42.56.335 (4) Disclosure of PII for Paratransit riders

RCW 42.56.250 (1) Examination date used for employment or licensing

RCW 42.56.250 (2) information relating to applications for public employment

RCW 42.56.250 (3) Professional growth plans

RCW 42.56.250 (4) personal information of employees and volunteers

RCW 42.56.250 (5) records compiled in connection with discrimination investigations

RCW 42.56.290 Documents relevant to a controversy, gathered in anticipation of claim



RCW 42.60.020 Disclosure of religious beliefs, practices or affiliation of employees

RCW 46.12.635 Disclosure of names and addresses of individual vehicle and vessel owners

RCW 46.52.080 Traffic accident reports – confidentiality

RCW 46.52.083 Traffic accident reports – available to interested parties

RCW 46.52.120 Traffic crimes and infractions – confidential use by police and courts

RCW 46.52.130(3) Abstract of driving record

RCW 48.62.101 Liability reserve funds established to settle claims.

RCW 50.13.060 Access to employment security records by local government agencies

RCW 50.13.100 Disclosure of non-identifiable information or with consent

RCW 51.28.070 Worker’s compensation records

RCW 51.36.060 Physician information on injured workers

RCW 60.70.040 No duty to disclose record of common law lien

RCW 68.50.105 Autopsy reports

RCW 70.02 Medical records – health care information access and disclosure

RCW 70.48.100 Jail records and booking photos

RCW 70.58.055 Birth certificates – certain information confidential

RCW 71.05.660 Treatment records – Privileged communication unaffected

RCW 71.24.035(5)(h) Mental health information system – state, county and regional support networks – confidentiality of client records

RCW 72.09.585(3) Disclosure of inmate records to local agencies – confidentiality

RCW 74.13.280 Children in out-of-home placements – confidentiality

RCW 74.20.280 Child support enforcement – local agency cooperation, information

RCW 82.32.330 Disclosure of tax information

Certain Federal Confidentiality Statutes and Rules:

18 USC § 2721-2725 Driver and License Plate Information

20 USC § 1232g Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

42 USC 290dd-2 Confidentiality of Substance Abuse Records



42 USC § 405(c)(2)(C) Limits on Use and Disclosure of Social Security Numbers

42 USC 654(26) State Plans for Child Support

42 USC 671(a)(8) State Plans for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance

42 USC 1396a (7) State Plans for Medical Assistance

34 CFR 361.38 State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Programs

42 CFR Part 2 Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records

45 CFR 160-164 HIPAA Privacy Rule