

**RCW 68.50.105**

**Autopsies, post mortems — Reports and records confidential —  
Exceptions.**

Reports and records of autopsies or post mortems shall be confidential, except that the following persons may examine and obtain copies of any such report or record: The personal representative of the decedent as defined in RCW 11.02.005, any family member, the attending physician, the prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction, public health officials, or to the department of labor and industries in cases in which it has an interest under RCW 68.50.103.

The coroner, the medical examiner, or the attending physician shall, upon request, meet with the family of the decedent to discuss the findings of the autopsy or post mortem. For the purposes of this section, the term "family" means the surviving spouse, or any child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, or sister of the decedent, or any person who was guardian of the decedent at the time of death.

**RCW 42.56.050**

**Invasion of privacy, when.**

A person's "right to privacy," "right of privacy," "privacy," or "personal privacy," as these terms are used in this chapter, is invaded or violated only if disclosure of information about the person: (1) Would be highly offensive to a reasonable person, and (2) is not of legitimate concern to the public. The provisions of this chapter dealing with the right to privacy in certain public records do not create any right of privacy beyond those rights that are specified in this chapter as express exemptions from the public's right to inspect, examine, or copy public records.

Pre-Adjudicated case scene photos maybe released upon request, after the prosecuting attorney's office has determined whether the nondisclosure is essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any person's right to privacy as provided for in RCW 42.17.310(1)(d).

1. Depending on jurisdiction, the county or city prosecuting attorney's office will make the above determination for public disclosure.

Adjudicated, and Concluded Investigation case scene photos maybe released upon request.

1. Photographs of injured persons, deceased persons, or deceased person's remains will generally not be released as provided in RCW 42.17.310(1)(d) and RCW 42.56.050.
2. Photographs of the deceased or deceased person's remains maybe released for law enforcement training purposes upon a signed release from the victim's "family" as described in RCW 68.50.105.

Notice:

You are responsible for the care, use, and custody of the photos released to you. You assume all liability for any improper use of these photos. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office does not assume any liability for the photos once they have been released into your custody.

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(Print Name and Address)

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Signature

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Date

**SPD/SCO PHOTOGRAPHS/IDENTIFICATION REQUEST**

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_ REPORT # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION(S) OF PHOTOS TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE OF INCIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR'S MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTOR'S DAYTIME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CLIENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLAIM # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ MAIL WHEN READY

\_\_\_\_ CALL WHEN READY

**PRESENT THIS FORM TO THE POLICE/SHERIFF RECORDS DIVISION.  
PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC ORDERS.**

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REQUEST TAKEN BY:

AUTHORIZED RELEASE BY:

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COMMENTS: