



HOW TO RESTORE YOUR FIREARM RIGHTS

In King County Superior Court

These instructions are for informational purposes only and do not constitute legal advice. If you do not understand this information, please contact an attorney. Information on free legal clinics can be found at: www.kcll.org.

About This Packet:

This packet is intended for restoring firearm rights that were revoked as part of a criminal conviction, involuntary mental health treatment, or due to a finding of incompetency to stand trial.

This packet should **only** be used in King County Superior Court if a court in King County took away your firearms rights. If a court in a different Washington county took away your firearms rights, you have to ask the superior court in that county to give them back. If a court in a different state took away your firearms rights, you should consult with an attorney.

Asking the court to restore your right to possess a firearm is complicated. **It is not always possible to restore your rights.** To confirm that you qualify for restoration, review [RCW 9.41.041](#) and [RCW 9.41.047](#) or contact an attorney. If you are prohibited from possessing a firearm due to multiple convictions, then you must restore your right to possess a firearm for **every** conviction. If you believe you are eligible to reinstate your right to possess a firearm, then you can use this packet to complete the process.

PLEASE NOTE:

- An order restoring the right to possess a firearm is not a concealed pistol license or any other firearm permit or license. Restoration of the right to possess a firearm does not guarantee eligibility for a concealed pistol license or any other firearm permit or license.
- Successfully restoring your right to possess a firearm will not remove a criminal conviction from your record.

Forms Included in This Packet:

1. **Form A** - King County Superior Court Case Assignment Area Designation and Case Information Cover Sheet
2. **Form B** - Petition to Restore Firearm Rights
3. **Form C** – Order on Petition to Restore Firearm Rights
4. **Form D** - Notice of Court Date (Judges) for either Seattle or Kent
5. **Form E** - Certificate of Service

Important Terms to Know:

- **Information:** A document containing an accusation or criminal charge(s) brought by the public prosecutor.
- **Defendant(s):** The person(s) the Information was filed against; a person accused in a criminal proceeding.
- **Judgment and Sentence:** A document in a criminal case that has the court's final determination of guilt and any punishment imposed (e.g., jail, fines, probation).
- **Petitioner:** The person who files a legal case.
- **Petition:** A written request filed in court asking for the court to act or make a decision
- **Respondent:** The person that a legal case was filed against.
- **Satisfaction of Judgment:** The document signed by a judge and filed in court showing that a judgment has been paid (exists only when money is due and owed as part of a judgment).
- **Certificate of Discharge:** A written statement that a Defendant has discharged their obligation to the Petitioner.
- **Order of Dismissal:** A document signed by the judge that ends the court case against the defendant.
- **Order of Modification:** A document signed by the judge that changes the judge's prior decision.