

Washington Primary Law Online:

The **3** main sources of primary law: Statutes, Cases, and Regulations



Statutes

Washington statutes are in the [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\)](#) and can be searched [by keyword](#).

An updated RCW is republished each year. You can find [past years of the RCW back to 1970](#).

Courts create **case law**. In Washington, case law is the entire body of appellate opinions from the Washington Court of Appeals and the Washington Supreme Court.

Important! State Trial Court opinions are not published and are not considered authoritative case law.

Washington case law can be found at the [Washington Courts website](#) and on [Google Scholar](#).



Cases

Regulations are created by administrative agencies and help fill the gaps in the law that statutes don't cover.

Washington regulations are in the [Washington Administrative Code](#) and can be searched [by keyword](#).

An updated WAC is republished each year. You can find [past years of the WAC back to 2004](#).



Regulations