

Design Professions Complaint

You can use this form to file a complaint against a service provider or professional licensee. If you have any questions, call (360) 664-6652.

Fax your complaint and the required enclosures to (360) 570-7098, email to DFCCompliance@dol.wa.gov, or mail to:

**Design Professions
Department of Licensing
PO Box 9045
Olympia WA 98507-9045**

Enclose the following:

- A detailed explanation of your complaint; this must include dates, other parties involved, and a summary of any efforts you have already made to resolve the problem. Describe events in the order they occurred.
- Copies of all documents that relate to the complaint.

Business or person you are filing a complaint about

PRINT or TYPE Profession or type of business <input type="checkbox"/> Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Geologist <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape architect		
Service provider or professional licensee name <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>		License number <i>(if known)</i>
Business name		
(Area code) Telephone number and extension	(Area code) Fax number	email or web address
Business address		
City	State	ZIP code

Your contact information

Name <i>(Last, First, Middle)</i>		
Business name <i>(if any)</i>		
(Area code) Telephone number and extension	(Area code) Alternate telephone number	email address
Mailing address		
City	State	ZIP code

Complaint summary

State your complaint in a short sentence or phrase
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The information I have provided above is true and correct, and I have provided all required enclosures to which I have access.

X

Signature

Date

Once filed, this becomes a public record and is subject to public disclosure. RCW 42.56

What happens after you submit your complaint

1. We determine if the complaint falls within our legal authority.

- If it is not something covered by our laws, we will notify you.
- If it appears to fall within our authority, we may conduct an investigation. Our investigator will act as an impartial, fact-finding third party. During the investigation, they are not representing you (the complainant), the Department or professional board, or the service provider. The investigator may contact the person you filed your complaint against to ask for a response, which may include providing them with a copy of your complaint. The length of time an investigation takes depends on current caseload and the complexity of the case.

2. After all the facts have been gathered, we evaluate the information.

- If the evidence fails to support a violation of the laws, the case will be dismissed.
- If a violation has occurred, our Department or professional board may recommend disciplinary action depending on the severity of the violation. Disciplinary action generally involves one or more of the following:
 - Reprimand
 - Fines
 - Suspension or revocation of the license
- The service provider or professional licensee may request a hearing to dispute the program's decision.
- We will notify you of the outcome of your complaint.

Our decisions don't constitute legal opinion. We don't have the authority to recover funds, award damages, or make judicial determinations. To pursue these types of remedies, you should seek legal advice.