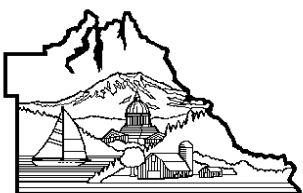


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**CHALLENGE TO
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF PATERNITY**

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- ✓ *You signed an Affidavit of Paternity in Washington State for a child;*
- ✓ *You were not married to the child's mother/father;*
- ✓ *More than 60 days have passed, but not more than two years since you filed the Affidavit of Paternity;*
- ✓ *You want to contest the paternity of the father named in the Affidavit of Paternity.*



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HOW TO CHALLENGE THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Affidavit) OF PATERNITY

CHECKLIST

Use the forms and instructions in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- ✓ You signed and filed an Affidavit of Paternity in Washington State;
- ✓ You were not married to the other parent;
- ✓ More than sixty (60) days have passed, but not more than two (2) years since the filing of that Affidavit of Paternity;

AND

- ✓ You believe the father named in that Affidavit is not the biological father of the child also named in that Affidavit.
- ✓ You wish to challenge the paternity of this child based on fraud, duress or material mistake of fact.

If sixty (60) days have not passed since the filing of the Affidavit of Paternity, or if you are challenging a denial of Paternity, do not use this packet. Please refer to the self-help center for a different packet. If the father has not signed a paternity affidavit or custody has not been established in another state, please refer to packet 5-1.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document or get involved with a court case, it is important that you carefully read the document to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may also want to contact a lawyer for legal advice and help with those issues you do not understand. The Self-Service Center has a list of local attorneys who can give you legal advice and who can help you on a task-by-task basis for a fee. If you need help with the forms, procedures and rules of the court, there is a Family Court Facilitator available to assist you.