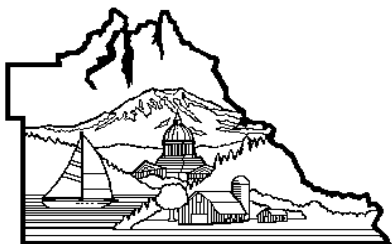


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INVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE

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✓ There are Dependent Children of this Marriage



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HOW TO FILE FOR AN INVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE CHECKLIST

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

- ✓ You are seeking to declare your marriage invalid based on one of the following:
 - We are close relatives who are not allowed to marry under the law. (RCW 26.04.020)
 - One or both of us was not old enough to get married legally. We did not have legal permission from a court or parent. We did not voluntarily live together as a couple (cohabit) after we were both old enough to legally marry.
 - One or both of us was legally married to or the registered domestic partner of another person at the time we married each other.
 - At the time we married, one or both of us was unable to understand what it meant (lacked capacity to consent) either because of mental incapacity or the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances. We did not voluntarily live together as a couple (cohabit) after we both were able to understand and agree to be married.
 - One of us married because of pressure, force or fraud. We did not voluntarily live together as a couple (cohabit) after the pressure or force stopped, or after finding out about the fraud.
 - We were not married in Washington State. According to the laws of the place we were married, our marriage is void or voidable. We have not done anything to validate our marriage according to the laws of:
 - the place where we were married, or
 - any place where we lived after leaving the place where we were married.
- ✓ One or both of the parties resides in Washington State;
- ✓ There are dependent children of this marriage.
- ✓ The parties do NOT agree to all factors involved; i.e., property and debt division, parenting plan, child support, etc.

Please Note: If you do not have dependent children of this marriage you should not use this packet. Please refer back to the self-help center for a different packet.

If you need Temporary Orders or Restraining Orders there are additional packets you may purchase through the self-help center.

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-Help Service Center has a list of local attorneys 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.