

Releasing Accident Investigation Reports

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Rule

The Department must:

- Keep accident investigations and related reports confidential.
- Not freely release results of accident investigations and related reports that are confidential.
- Make available accident investigation reports, without the need of a court order, only to the following:
 - Injured workers, their legal representatives, or their labor organization representatives.
 - The legal representative or labor organization representative of a deceased worker.
 - The employer of any injured or deceased worker.
 - Any other employer or person whose actions or business operations are the subject of the report or investigation.
 - Any attorney representing a party in any pending legal action in which an investigative report constitutes material and relevant evidence.
 - Employees of governmental agencies in the performance of their official duties.
 - Any beneficiary of a deceased worker actually receiving benefits under the terms of Title 51 RCW, the Industrial Insurance Act.



Note:

The records officer may provide accident investigation reports to the closest surviving member of the deceased worker's immediate family.



Notes
