



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

FILING SUIT AGAINST AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR

1. All suits filed against electrical contractors must be filed in Superior Court in the county where the work was performed or the contractor's business is located.
2. Suits must be filed within one year from the date that the work was completed.
3. Suits need to be filed as per RCW 19.28.071.
4. Lawsuits against electrical contractors are not served through the Department of Labor and Industries. The lawsuit must be filed in Superior Court as stated. The bonding company or banking authority and contractor must be served as per statute requirements. This service is not provided by the department.
5. The department should be contacted before a lawsuit is filed to obtain necessary information regarding the licensing and bonding information of the electrical contractor. The department will provide the information via phone or fax as to the license number and bonding or assignment of account information. You can also find this information on our website at Contractors.Lni.wa.gov.
6. If a certified letter confirming or attesting to the licensing status of an electrical contractor is needed, a written request and processing fee (see WAC 296-46B-910(5)) must be sent to the central office. (Please allow at least two (2) weeks for this service.)
7. Once a judgment is provided by the court, a certified copy of the judgment and letter requesting release must be sent to the department's central office for release of funds from an assignment of savings account. If the action is against an electrical contractor's bond, the bonding company will notify the department of the action taken against the bond.

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