

Exemptions

In the interest of transparency and responsibility to all residents, taxpayers and other constituents, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue aims to make the process of obtaining public records as easy as possible. Many public records are readily available on SKFR.org.

Some records are not automatically posted online for many reasons, including that they may not be of widespread interest, they are simply too large or they contain confidential information. Many of these records may be obtained through a public disclosure request, although there are some exemptions to disclosure as determined by state law. Some of these exemptions are listed below. For a more complete list you can go to <http://mrsc.org/getmedia/796a2402-9ad4-4bde-a221-0d6814ef6edc/Public-Records-Act.pdf.aspx?ext=.pdf>

Medical records. (Chapter 70.02 RCW.68) This exemption applies to medical records in an employee's personnel file, and to medical records prepared by ambulance EMTs, who are health care providers under chapter 18.73 RC

Pre-Hospital Care Reports (PCRs) (45 CFR 164.502) (See the Patient Medical Record Security and Privacy Policy or the Patient Authorization form).

Personnel or similar files that contain personal information to the extent that disclosure would violate privacy rights (RCW 42.56.230; RCW 42.56.250).

Records pertaining to pending litigation (RCW 42.56.290).

Legal opinions (RCW 42.56.904).

Arson investigations (RCW 42.56.240).

Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer an examination for employment (RCW 42.56.250).

Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, or intra-agency memoranda in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended (RCW 42.56.280).

Records of complaints to or investigations conducted by the South Kitsap Fire and Rescue for law enforcement purposes (RCW 42.56.240).

Contents of real estate appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates, and evaluations made for or by the South Kitsap Fire and Rescue relative to the acquisition of property or to prospective public supply and construction contracts, until all of the property has been acquired or all contract agreements executed (RCW 42.56.260).

Records where disclosure is exempt or prohibited pursuant to provisions of federal or state law, including but not limited to provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege.

Records obtained and all reports produced as required by state fireworks law (RCW 42.56.460).

Investigative records compiled by the District regarding possible unfair practices of discrimination under RCW 49.60.010 et seq. or possible violation of other federal, state, or local laws or South Kitsap Fire and Rescue internal policies during an active and ongoing investigation (RCW 42.56.250)

Records may be released upon completion of the investigation as allowed under RCW 42.56.250.