

**WAC 388-60B-0365 Releases of information—What releases of information must the program require from participants before they are accepted into a program?** In order to obtain information for the assessment or treatment of the participant, to facilitate the communication necessary for periodic safety checks and case monitoring, and to increase the safety of the victim and any children involved, the treatment program must require all participants to sign the following releases, which must remain in effect until at least ninety days after the participant is discharged from treatment:

- (1) A release for the victim when applicable;
  - (a) The release must allow the certified program to communicate with the victim during the assessment and treatment process;
  - (b) The release must allow the certified program to notify the victim that the participant has been accepted or rejected for treatment;
  - (c) The release must allow the certified program to notify the victim of any significant changes in the participant's treatment plan or noncompliance with treatment; and
  - (d) The release must allow the program to notify the victim if their safety appears to be at risk due to the participant's potential for violence or lethality;
- (2) A release to receive and provide information regarding the participant with child protective services, child welfare services, other child services, or DSHS programs;
- (3) A release allowing the program to receive and provide relevant information regarding the participant, including safety concerns, with each of the following entities as applicable:
  - (a) Significant others or current partners;
  - (b) Any adult children who are biological to or have lived with the participant;
  - (c) The victim's community and legal advocates;
  - (d) Police;
  - (e) Lawyers, including prosecutors;
  - (f) Courts;
  - (g) Probation officers;
  - (h) Parole officers;
  - (i) Court-appointed guardian ad litem; and
  - (j) Any concurrent or former treatment or assessment agencies, including but not limited to:
    - (i) Domestic violence intervention treatment programs;
    - (ii) Sexual offender programs;
    - (iii) Mental health agencies;
    - (iv) Individual therapists; and
    - (v) Substance use treatment programs; and
- (4) A release allowing the information and data from the participant's individual file to be used for research and evaluation must be offered but not required to be signed by the participant and the release must indicate that any information disclosed for research and evaluation purposes will remain confidential.

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