



# EXPUNGEMENTS

## Are PA juvenile records available to the public?

If you were **14 or older** at the time, and you were adjudicated delinquent of a **serious felony** offense, that information **CAN be made public**.

Other types of juvenile records are generally **NOT available** to the public.

You can get a copy of your own juvenile record at family court.

**Expungement** means that your juvenile record is erased and no one can see it. If you want to ask the court for an expungement, you have to file a motion.

**Juvenile records** can be expunged in Pennsylvania if:

- The charges against you were withdrawn or dismissed, or you were found “not guilty.”
- SIX MONTHS have passed since supervision has ended under a “consent decree” and no new charges are pending.
- You were adjudicated delinquent and FIVE YEARS have passed since release from supervision with no new adjudications or adult convictions.
- You are 18 or older and the District Attorney agrees that your record should be expunged.

\* Certain offenses, such as sex offenses, cannot be expunged.

## How to file for expungement:

In Philadelphia, you can file a petition to expunge a juvenile record by going to the **11<sup>th</sup> floor of family court at 1501 Arch St.**

**If you were charged with certain serious offenses, or if you were 18 or older when arrested, charges may have been brought in adult court.** Depending on what happens in court, you MAY be able to get the charges expunged.





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## Are PA adult records available to the public?

**SOMETIMES.** Under PA's Clean Slate law, non-conviction records (dismissed, withdrawn, not guilty) are automatically sealed from public view 30 days after the case end. Some misdemeanor convictions are also automatically sealed after 10 years.

Other types of adult records are available to the public.

To find out if you have a public court record, visit:

<http://uisportal.pacourts.us/docketsheets/cp.aspx>

**Adult records** can be expunged in Pennsylvania if:

- Any of the charges against you did NOT result in a conviction (e.g. they were withdrawn, dismissed, "nolle prossed," or you were found "not guilty.")
- You completed a special program like ARD where you paid a fine, did community service, etc.
- You were convicted of a summary offense (a citation for loitering, disorderly conduct, etc.) and five years have passed with no new arrests.
- **Adult records can sometimes be sealed** if you were convicted of certain minor misdemeanors, ten years have passed, you have paid all your court fines and costs.

**\* If you were found guilty/plead guilty to a felony charge, the only way to expunge the record is if you are granted a PARDON from the Governor.**

**How to file for expungement in Philadelphia:** You can file for adult expungements by going to the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor motions desk at the Criminal Justice Center, 1301 Filbert St.**

## Get Help

If you need help filing for an expungement, Community Legal Services may be able to help. Come to our intake hours:

**Community Legal Services**  
**Center City Office**  
1424 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
(215) 981-3700

