

TRUMBULL COUNTY JUVENILE COURT
DIVISION OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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WRITTEN NOTICE REGARDING SEALING AND EXPUNGING OF RECORDS
OHIO REVISED CODE, 2151.356 & 2151.358

You have received this notice to advise you that you have the right to apply to the court to have your juvenile record sealed or expunged. The following provides summary of eligibility requirements.

1. (a) The Juvenile Court shall consider the sealing of records of a person committing an act other than a violation of section 2903.01, 2903.02, or 2907.02 of the Ohio Revised Code and if at the time of the motion or application for sealing, the person is not under the jurisdiction of the court in relation to a complaint alleging the person to be a delinquent child. (b) If the person is under 18 years of age, he or she may apply to this Juvenile Court for an order to seal the record 6 months after any of the following events occur: (c) the termination of any order made by the court in relation to the adjudication; (d) the unconditional discharge from the Department of Youth Services, an institution or facility to which the person was committed pursuant to a dispositional order made in relation to the adjudication; (e) the court enters an order under section 2152.84 or 2152.85 of the Revised Code that contains a determination that the child is no longer a juvenile offender registrant. If the person is 18 years of age or older, at any time after the later of the following: attainment of 18 years of age; the occurrence of any event identified above in section (a) (c) (d) (e) above.
2. "Seal a record" means to remove a record from the main file of similar records and to secure it in a separate file that contains only sealed records accessible only to the Juvenile Court.
3. Applying to seal your record doesn't automatically mean that it will be sealed. The Juvenile Court must find that you have been rehabilitated to a satisfactory degree.
4. If your record is sealed by the Juvenile Court and someone asks you if you have a record, you may properly reply that no records exist. If asked, the Court will also reply that no record exists.
5. After your record has been sealed, your record will automatically be expunged after a period of 5 years or when you reach age 23, whichever occurs sooner. You may apply to the Juvenile Court to have your sealed record expunged sooner.
6. How is "expunging" a record different from "sealing" a record? "Expunge a record" means to destroy, delete, and erase a record, as appropriate for the record's physical or electronic form or characteristic. This means that the record is permanently irretrievable.
7. You may obtain an application to either seal or expunge your record from the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office in Warren Ohio.
8. You may wish to read portions of the Ohio Revised Code, 2151.355; 2151.356; 2151.357 and 2151.358 for further details, available at most libraries and on the internet.