

This brochure is about expunging juvenile records about you from Maryland court and police records only.

Who uses expungement?

Defendants in Maryland **criminal** cases or individuals with a Maryland juvenile record may expunge those records if eligible.

This brochure has information on expunging juvenile records only. If you want to expunge adult criminal records, see the brochure ***How Can I Expunge My Criminal Record?***

What is a juvenile record?

A juvenile record is a court record or police record about a child who:

- has been alleged or adjudicated delinquent;
- has been alleged or adjudicated in need of supervision; or
- has received a citation for a violation.

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mdcourts.gov/lawlib

Read the law
Md. Code, Courts & Judicial Proceedings § 3-8A-27.1

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How Can I Expunge My Juvenile Record?



I have a juvenile record. Can I file for expungement?

Yes, if:

ALL of the following are true:

- You are at least 18 years old.
- At least two years have passed since the last official action in your juvenile record.
- You have never been adjudicated delinquent or you have not been adjudicated delinquent more than once.
- You have not been convicted of any offense since your juvenile case.
- You do not have a pending delinquency petition or criminal charge.
- You have not been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony, a crime of violence, or a fourth degree sexual offense.
- You were not required to register in Maryland as a sex offender.
- You have not been adjudicated delinquent for an offense involving the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.
- You have fully paid any monetary restitution ordered by the court in the delinquency case.

AND

ONE of the following occurred:

- The Office of the State's Attorney entered a nolle prosequi.
- The delinquency or child in need of supervision petition or citation was dismissed.
- The court, in an adjudicatory hearing, did not find that the allegations in the petition or citation were true.
- An adjudicatory hearing was not held within two years after the petition or citation was filed.
- The court, in a disposition hearing, found that you **did not** require guidance, treatment or rehabilitation.
- The court, in a disposition hearing, found that you **did** require guidance, treatment or rehabilitation.

In reviewing your petition for expungement, the court must consider EACH of the following:

- Your best interests.
- Your stability in the community.
- The safety of the public.

How do I file for expungement?

- Fill out a Petition for Expungement of Juvenile Records (Form JUV -11-506.1).
- File the completed and signed Petition for Expungement in person or by mail with the clerk's office of the court in which the petition or citation was filed.
- If required by law, the court will send a copy of your petition to:
 - Certain victims in your case.
 - Certain family members of the victim.
 - The Office of the State's Attorney.

The court may or may not schedule a hearing.

- If no one files an objection, the court may **grant your petition** without a hearing.
- If you did not meet the requirements of the law, the court may **deny your petition** without a hearing.

If your petition for expungement is denied, you may appeal the court's decision.