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CURRENT WRITTEN STEPS

Why should I expunge my record?

If you do not expunge your record it will come up every time someone runs a background check on you. Background checks are performed when you apply for a job, attempt to rent a dwelling, go through a custody battle, get a divorce, apply for a license, apply for a loan at a bank, apply for college, register to vote, and buy a gun. Having an active criminal record will interfere with many aspects of your life.

Can my record be cleared?

In Missouri you can remove one felony, two misdemeanors, and any number of infractions from your record. Felonies can be expunged after seven years have passed, while misdemeanor's only require a three year period before they can be expunged.

List of crimes that can NOT be expunged:

- Any Class A Felony Offense
- Any Dangerous Felony
- Any offense that requires registration as a sex offender
- Any felony offense where death is an element of the offense
- Any felony offense of assault
- Misdemeanor or felony offense of domestic assault;
- Felony offense of kidnapping

You can find the full list of crimes that can't be cleared here: [\[Link to resource page\]](#).

If your crime is not in the ineligible list, and enough time has passed since it happened, then you can move forward with clearing it from your record

What are the costs?

It costs around \$250 to send in the paperwork for getting a record expunged. If you are unable to pay this, contact the court and they may allow you to do it for free. It can take months to get a record removed.

What will I need?

You will need to know your name, birthdate, the information of your crime, and (put all information required here).

Who do I need to work with?

Public defenders,
(all the court people)

Who can help me?

Expungement law clinics are held by elected officials which can help you with the process.

If you need help and are willing to pay, a lawyer can help you with the process.

Create paperwork

(Ideally we'd automate this)

Submit paperwork

Take your paperwork to a lawyer who is familiar with clearing records. Here are some that we know:
[Link to resource page]

You can also attend an expungement clinic in your area. [Link to resource page]

Notify parties

After your paperwork is submitted you will be updated with the progress of your application.

You may be contacted to appear in court, either because the prosecutor of your crime objected to clearing the crime from your record, or because the judge handling your paperwork thinks it is necessary.

Receive results

It may take up to 6 months to hear back.

Forms that are helpful for expungement:

- Petition of Expungement of Arrest Record
 - <https://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=647>
 - <https://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=649>
- Request for financial assistance
 - <https://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=62133>
 - Translated in Bosnian, French, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese.
 - These forms must be completed in English.

Github:

<https://github.com/OpenDataSTL>

Specific links about expungement law in Missouri:

- <https://carvercantin.com/missouri-expungement/>
 - \$250 application fee unless deemed low income
 - Has a nice cheat sheet for fast facts and how to
 - Contains specific law that CANNOT be expunged in MO.
 - History of expungement in MO
- <https://expungementmissouri.com/resources/faq/>
 - Has a resources FAQ for expungement
- <http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/pdf-bill/tat/SB588.pdf>
 - Link to the senate bill
- <https://eligibility.com/criminal-record-expungement>
 - General eligibility terms

People doing expungements in Saint Louis:

- <https://expungestl.com/>
 - Attorneys working to help people expunge records and get background check data updated
- All the Kings Men: <https://atkmen.org/>
 - Worked with Jamilah Nasheed on stl expungement clinics
 - Reach out to get information
 - When is your next clinic?
 - What does a clinic look like?
 - Does the clinic cost money?
 - What resources do you use for walking people through expungement?
 - Would a website resource be useful to you?
 - What demographics do you see coming to these clinics?
 - Age
 - Ability to use technology
 - What jobs do you see people trying to apply for?
 - Fathers Support Center
 - Group put together by atkmen board member Chester Deanes Jr.
- Our website could be a resource for clinics across the state of Missouri
 - Everyone using the same resource
 - All information consolidated in one place for clinics

Looking up cases on case.net <https://www.courts.mo.gov/casenet/base/welcome.do>

Atlanta Example paper expungement form <http://www.atlantapd.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=246>

Missouri paper expungement form <https://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=647>

Reasons to apply for expungement:

1. Employment
2. Adoption
3. Loans
4. Divorce
5. Custody battles
6. Peace of mind
7. Licensing
8. No Casenet record

<http://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=610.140&bid=47676&hl=>

Why Expunge ment	Check Eligibility	Identify personal information and records	Identify defendants	Create petition	Submit petition	Notify all parties of petition	Give order of expungement OR Dismissal of petition
Gets rid of record which restores restricted rights to the person.	- Get list of records - Get amount of time from release date to now for each record - Check records against list of allowed expungement offenses - Decide which records are most	See subsection 4 of law	Defendants are all law enforcement agencies, courts, prosecuting or circuit attorneys, municipal prosecuting attorneys, central state repositories of criminal records, or others who the petitioner has reason to believe may possess the records subject to expungement enforcement agencies, courts, prosecuting or circuit	- Look to automatically create, digitally - Needs notarized (explain what that means)	Get lawyer. Pay fees (\$250 unless deemed, form is linked above)	Law enforcement; Prosecutor; Miss highway patrol; department of revenue	Person must wait 1 year to file again

	beneficial to be expunged		attorneys, municipal prosecuting attorneys, central state repositories of criminal records, or others who the petitioner has reason to believe may possess the records subject to expungement.				
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Notes:

- An expunged offense can be considered a prior offense
- Must disclose expungement for various licenses, permits, certificates, jobs in federally insured banks
- Full list of convictions that can't be expunged: <https://carvercantin.com/expungement-form/>
- Time periods for convictions:
 - Felonies: 7 Years Prior to Today
 - Misdemeanors: 3 Years Prior to Today
 - (measured from whenever judgement was received)

Web Page Sections

1. Why Expungement (Why to clear your record):

- You can vote again.
- You will find it easier to get a job.
- You will find it easier to get a house or apartment

2. Costs Involved

- **There is a \$250 fee to submit the paperwork but you can ask the fee to be waived if you need financial assistance.**
- **Filling out the paperwork may take a few hours of your time.**
- **It may take a few months to get your record removed.**

3. Check your Eligibility (What crimes can you get cleared?):

You may be eligible for expungement if:

It has been at least seven years for a felony

It has been at least three years for a misdemeanor, municipal offense, or infraction

The person has not been found guilty of any other misdemeanor or felony, not including violations of the traffic regulations provided under chapters 304 and 307, during the time period specified (seven for felony, three for misdemeanor) for the underlying offense, violation, or infraction

The person has satisfied all obligations relating to any such disposition, including the payment of any fines or restitution;

The person does not have charges pending;

The petitioner's habits and conduct demonstrate that the petitioner is not a threat to the public safety of the state; and

The expungement is consistent with the public welfare and the interests of justice warrant the expungement.

Some offenses are not eligible for expungement.

These include:

Any Class A felony offense

Any Dangerous felony (see list below)

Any offense that requires registration as a sex offender;

Any felony offense where death is an element of the offense;

Any felony offense of assault;

Misdemeanor or felony offense of domestic assault;

Felony offense of kidnapping;

Ineligible Crimes:

Dangerous Felonies under 556.061

[Data Source Link](#)

Sexual Offenses

- Attempted forcible rape if physical injury results
- Attempted sodomy in the first degree if physical injury results
- Attempted rape in the first degree if physical injury results
- Attempted forcible sodomy if physical injury results
- Child molestation in the first or second degree
- Forcible rape
- Forcible sodomy
- Rape in the first degree
- Sodomy in the first degree
- Statutory rape in the first degree when the victim is a child less than twelve years of age at the time of the commission of the act giving rise to the offense
- Statutory sodomy in the first degree when the victim is a child less than twelve years of age at the time of the commission of the act giving rise to the offense

Other Offenses

- Abuse of a child if the child dies as a result of injuries sustained from conduct chargeable under section 568.060
- Arson in the first degree
- Assault in the first degree
- Assault in the second degree if the victim of such assault is a special victim as defined in subdivision (14) of section 565.002
- Assault of a law enforcement officer in the first degree
- Child kidnapping
- Domestic assault in the first degree
- Elder abuse in the first degree
- Kidnapping
- Kidnapping in the first degree
- Murder in the second degree
- Parental kidnapping committed by detaining or concealing the whereabouts of the child for not less than one hundred twenty days under section 565.153
- Robbery in the first degree

Public Safety Offenses

[Data Source Link](#)

- Intoxication-related traffic offense for habitual Offenders
 - Driving while intoxicated
 - Driving with excessive blood alcohol content
 - Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in violation of a county or municipal ordinance
 - Offense in which the defendant was operating a vehicle while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed in violation of any state, county, municipal ordinance, military, or federal law
- Intoxication-related boating offense for habitual boating offenders
 - Boating while intoxicated
 - Operating a vessel while intoxicated
 - Operating a vessel with excessive blood alcohol content or an offense in which the defendant was operating a vessel while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed in violation of any state, county, municipal ordinance, military, or federal law
- Habitual offender
 - Five or more intoxication-related traffic offenses committed on separate occasions; or
 - Four or more intoxication-related traffic offenses committed on separate occasions where at least one of the intoxication-related traffic offenses is an offense committed in violation of any state law, county or municipal ordinance, any federal offense, or any military offense in which the defendant was operating a vehicle while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed; or
 - Three or more intoxication-related traffic offenses committed on separate occasions where at least two of the intoxication-related traffic offenses were offenses committed in violation of any state law, county or municipal ordinance, any federal offense, or any military offense in which the defendant was operating a vehicle while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed; or
 - While driving while intoxicated, the defendant acted with criminal negligence to:
 - Cause the death of any person not a passenger in the vehicle operated by the defendant, including the death of an individual that results from the defendant's vehicle leaving a highway, as defined by section 301.010, or the highway's right-of-way; or
 - Cause the death of two or more persons; or
 - Cause the death of any person while he or she has a blood alcohol content of at least eighteen-hundredths of one percent by weight of alcohol in such person's blood;
- Habitual boating offender
 - Five or more intoxication-related boating offenses; or

- Four or more intoxication-related boating offenses committed on separate occasions where at least one of the intoxication-related boating offenses is an offense committed in violation of any state law, county or municipal ordinance, any federal offense, or any military offense in which the defendant was operating a vessel while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed; or
- Three or more intoxication-related boating offenses committed on separate occasions where at least two of the intoxication-related boating offenses were offenses committed in violation of any state law, county or municipal ordinance, any federal offense, or any military offense in which the defendant was operating a vessel while intoxicated and another person was injured or killed; or
- While boating while intoxicated, the defendant acted with criminal negligence to:
 - Cause the death of any person not a passenger in the vessel operated by the defendant, including the death of an individual that results from the defendant's vessel leaving the water; or
 - Cause the death of two or more persons; or
 - Cause the death of any person while he or she has a blood alcohol content of at least eighteen-hundredths of one percent by weight of alcohol in such person's blood;

Misdemeanors

[Data Source Link](#)

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[105.454](#) Additional prohibited acts by certain elected and appointed public officials and employees

[105.478](#) Public officials and employee offenses

<u>115.631</u>	Class One Election Offenses
<u>130.028</u>	Prohibitions against certain discrimination or intimidation relating to elections--contributions by employees payroll deduction
<u>188.030</u>	Abortion of viable unborn child
<u>188.080</u>	Abortion not performed by a physician
<u>191.677</u>	Health and welfare prohibited acts
<u>194.425</u>	Abandonment of corpse without notifying authorities
<u>217.360</u>	Delivery or concealment of controlled substances, liquor or prohibited articles on premises of any correctional center of city, county, or private jail
<u>217.385</u>	Violence or injury to an employee of the Department of Corrections or another person housed in a department correctional center

334.245

Abortions, only physicians to perform

375.991

Fraudulent insurance act, committed, when – powers and duties of department

389.653

Trespass to railroad property

455.085

Arrest for violation of order – penalties – good faith immunity for law enforcement officials

455.538

Law enforcement agencies response to violation or order – arrest for violation, penalties – custody to be turned to rightful party, when

557.035

Hate crimes – provides enhanced penalties for motivational factors in certain crimes

565.084

Tampering with a judicial officer

565.085

Crime of endangering a corrections employee

565.086

Endangering a mental health employee, visitor, or another offender

565.095

Cross burning prohibited, penalty – intent defined

565.120

Kidnapping, second degree (Previously felonious restraint)

565.130

Kidnapping, third degree (Previously false imprisonment)

565.156

Child abduction

565.200

Skilled nursing facility residents, sexual contact or intercourse with, penalties – consent not a defense

565.214

Vulnerable person abuse in the third degree

566.093

Sexual misconduct, first degree

566.111

Sex with an animal

566.115

Sexual conduct with a nursing facility resident or vulnerable person in the first degree, penalty – applicability – consent not a defense

568.020

Incest – penalty – no probation for previous offender

568.030

Abandonment of a child, first degree

568.032

Abandonment of a child, second degree

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568.045

Endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree

568.060

Abuse or neglect of a child

568.065

Genital mutilation of a female child

568.080

Child used in sexual performance

568.090

Promoting sexual performance by a child

568.175

Trafficking in children

569.030

Robbery in the second degree

569.035

Pharmacy robbery in the second degree

569.040

Arson in the first degree

569.050

Arson in the second degree

569.055

Knowingly burning or exploding

569.060

Reckless burning or exploding

569.065

Negligent burning or exploding

569.067

**Fire, negligence in setting or allowing to escape on cropland, grassland, marsh,
prairie, woodland**

569.072

Criminal water contamination

569.100

Property damage in the first degree

569.160

Burglary in the first degree

570.025

Robbery in the second degree

570.030

Stealing

570.090

Forgery

570.100

Possession of a forging instrumentality

570.130

Fraudulent use of a credit device or debit device

570.180

Defrauding secured creditors

570.223

**Identity theft – penalty – restitution – other civil remedies available – exempted
activities**

570.224

**Trafficking in stolen identities – possession of documents, exemptions – violation,
penalty**

570.310

Mortgage fraud – venue – prosecution not exclusive

571.020

Possession – manufacture – transport – repair – sale of certain weapons a crime

571.030

Unlawful use of weapons

571.060

Unlawful transfer of weapons

571.063

Definitions – fraudulent purchase of a firearm, crime of

571.070

Possession of firearm unlawful for certain persons

571.072

Unlawful possession of explosive weapon, crime of

571.150

Use or possession of metal-penetrating bullet during the commission of a crime

574.070

Promoting civil disorder in the first degree

574.105

Money laundering, committed when

574.115

Making a terrorist threat in the first degree

574.120

Making a terrorist threat in the second degree

574.130

Agroterrorism

575.040

Perjury

575.095

Tampering with a judicial officer

575.153

Crime of disarming a peace officer or correctional officer

575.155

Endangering a corrections employee, visitor, or other offender or prisoner

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575.157

Endangering a mental health employee, visitor, or another offender

575.159

Aiding a sexual offender

575.195

Escape from commitment, detention, or conditional release

575.200

Escape from commitment, detention, or conditional release

575.210

Escape or attempted escape from confinement

575.220

Failure to return to confinement

575.230

Aiding escape of a prisoner

575.240

Permitting escape

575.350

Killing or disabling a police animal

575.353

Assault on a police animal

577.078

Criminal water contamination

577.703

Bus hijacking

577.706

Planting a bomb or explosive in or near a bus or bus terminal – threat to commit offense – discharging firearms or hurling missiles

578.008

Agroterrorism

578.305

Bus hijacking, definition, penalty – assault with intent to commit bus hijacking, penalty, with a deadly weapon, penalty – possession and concealment of deadly weapon by passenger

578.310

Bombs and explosives placed in or near buses or terminals – threat to commit offense – discharging firearms or hurling missiles

632.520

Definitions – violence against employee of department, penalty – damage of department property

How Many Crimes can be expunged?

The lifetime limit of expungements is based upon the severity of the crime. For Infractions you can have any number expunged from your record.

For misdemeanors or ordinance violations where imprisonment authorized you can have a maximum of two removed from your record.

For felonies there is a maximum of one crime you can have removed from your record.

Major exception to lifetime limit: A single petition can include all related offenses charged as counts in same information/indictment or as part of same

course of criminal conduct; if so, only the highest level offense is counted for determining future expungement eligibility.

Gather your Personal Information:

- (1) The petitioner's:
 - (a) Full name;
 - (b) Sex;ⁱ
 - (c) Race;
 - (d) Driver's license number, if applicable;
 - (e) Current address;
- (2) Each offense, violation, or infraction for which the petitioner is requesting expungement;
- (3) The approximate date the petitioner was charged for each offense, violation, or infraction; and
- (4) The name of the county where the petitioner was charged for each offense, violation, or infraction and if any of the offenses, violations, or infractions occurred in a municipality, the name of the municipality for each offense, violation, or infraction; and
- (5) The case number and the name of the court for each offense.

Identify your Defendants (Collect Court and Police Information):

- Any or all:
 - Circuit Court Division
 - Associate Court Division
 - Municipal Court Division
 - Criminal Records Repository
 - County Sheriff's Department
 - Municipal Police Department
 - Missouri Highway Patrol Troop
 - Other

Create your Petition: (Fill out paperwork.)

- Print and write in or fill in on computer and print:
<https://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=647>

Submit your Petition: (Send in paperwork.)

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Notify Interested Parties:

- Court clerk will notify the prosecutor of original case and they have 30 days to object to your petition. If the prosecutor does object a court date will be within 60 days of that objection.
 - If there is no objection from the original prosecutor the court may still set a court date
- Whether an objection is filed or not if a court date is set you will be notified
- Court will listen to information on any of the following:
 - (1) At the time the petition is filed, it has been at least seven years if the offense is a felony, or at least three years if the offense is a misdemeanor, municipal offense, or infraction, from the date the petitioner completed any authorized disposition imposed under section [557.011](#) for each offense, violation, or infraction listed in the petition;
 - (2) The person has not been found guilty of any other misdemeanor or felony, not including violations of the traffic regulations provided under [chapters 304](#) and [307](#), during the time period specified for the underlying offense, violation, or infraction in subdivision (1) of this subsection;
 - (3) The person has satisfied all obligations relating to any such disposition, including the payment of any fines or restitution;
 - (4) The person does not have charges pending;
 - (5) The petitioner's habits and conduct demonstrate that the petitioner is not a threat to the public safety of the state; and
 - (6) The expungement is consistent with the public welfare and the interests of justice warrant the expungement.
- A pleading by the petitioner that such petitioner meets the requirements of subdivisions (5) and (6) of this subsection shall create a rebuttable presumption that the expungement is warranted so long as the criteria contained in subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection are otherwise satisfied. The burden shall shift to the prosecuting attorney, circuit attorney, or municipal prosecuting attorney to rebut the presumption. A victim of an offense, violation, or infraction listed in the petition shall have an opportunity to be heard at any hearing held under this

section, and the court may make a determination based solely on such victim's testimony.

Expungement or Dismissal: (Get approval. Your record is now gone.)

- Get your record

Informational Page Design:

General structure of informational page:

- Header
 - Basic Information
 - Collapsible detail section
- Compartmentalized each process and have a scroll bar so people can get

Wizard Page Design:

- Start off with questions that can immediately rule out expungement (type of crime, etc)
 - Pick list
- After that ask basic questions like name, age, etc
- What about filling the petition?
 - Email a copy of petition → the rest is on them and here are available
 - resources in the county