

Instructions for Background Check for Domestic Violence Evaluators

Pursuant to Idaho Court Administrative Rule (I.C.A.R.) 75, Supreme Court registered Domestic Violence Evaluators must submit to a criminal history check. Included in this memo are instructions for submitting to a criminal history check. Prior to becoming an approved Domestic Violence Evaluator on the statewide list, applicants must submit all criminal history check information, including completed rolled fingerprint cards, Self-Declaration and Authorization for Criminal History Check, Idaho Department of Health & Welfare (IDHW) Authorization and Consent to Release Information plus \$20 fee, and Idaho State Police (ISP) Non-Criminal Justice Applicant Privacy Statement to the Idaho Supreme Court.

To request fingerprint cards email kdowney@idcourts.net. Before we forward your criminal history check to the Idaho State Police, we will need the following from you (originals and single sided):

- Two (2) completed **rolled fingerprint cards** (please use the cards we issue from our office with appropriate codes)
- Completed **Self-Declaration & Authorization for Criminal History Check**
- Completed **IDH&W Authorization and Consent to Release Information**, signed by the applicant in the presence of a **NOTARY**. Include a **\$20.00 check or money order made to: IDHW** for processing.
- **ISP Non-Criminal Justice Applicant Privacy Statement**, signed by the applicant.
- **Photocopy of driver's license or other government-issued form of identification.**

Please return your fingerprint cards, **\$20 check or money order (made out to IDHW)**, and completed documents (**single-sided originals**) listed above with your completed DV Evaluator Application packet to:

Idaho Supreme Court
Attn: Jana Filer
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0101

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding fingerprints or criminal background check paperwork, please contact:

Kim Downey at kdowney@idcourts.net

Fingerprint Card Instructions

All fields on the fingerprint cards must be completed and the cards signed by the applicant, **prior to being fingerprinted**. In order for the criminal records check to be processed, the correct ORI (receiving agency designation) must be on the fingerprint cards. The cards provided to you by the court have the correct ORI. If you use blank fingerprint cards, please make sure you add the correct ORI to the cards. All supporting documentation must accompany the fingerprint cards. ISP requires that the fingerprint cards and supporting documentation listed above is complete prior to processing the criminal history check. The court will not fill in missing information, so your packet will be returned if incomplete, which will result in a processing delay. Criminal history checks usually take between four and six weeks to complete.

It is important to include all known aliases, including maiden name, where applicable. Send all completed forms and \$20 fee (**check or money order--made out to IDHW**) with the fingerprint cards (as stated above).

Rolling Prints

If you live outside of Ada County, you may contact your local sheriff's office to arrange for fingerprinting. Please contact ISP at (208) 884-7130 for a list of agencies in your area that provide fingerprinting. You may be charge up to \$10.00 for rolling a set of fingerprints and \$5.00 for each additional card. If you live in Ada County, please contact ISP at (208) 884-7130 to make arrangements with them to roll your fingerprints. Please be advised that if some or all of the prints are dark, smudged or otherwise unclear, the FBI may return the fingerprint cards with a request that the prints be re-rolled. This may result in an additional cost and delay in processing.

Sex Offender Registry

In accordance with Idaho Court Administrative Rule 47, court staff will check the Sex Offender Registry as part of your criminal history check.

Updating Criminal History Checks

Idaho Court Administrative Rule 47 requires a criminal history check at least every five (5) years. We will try to keep track of the anniversary date for you; however, approved Evaluators working under I.C.A.R. 75 are responsible for making sure they are in compliance with Idaho Court Rules and Statutes and that criminal history checks are updated timely.