

# Revocation of Power of Attorney

## Cancelling a Power of Attorney

When you have made someone your agent by naming them in a power of attorney form, you can cancel that power by revoking the powers you have given them. You should give written notice to the agent, and, if possible, to anyone who has been relying on the power of attorney. The attached form can be used to revoke a power of attorney previously given.

In Washington State, if no land is going to be dealt with, it is not legally necessary to sign a power of attorney in front of a notary and have it recorded. Sometimes people choose to have their power of attorney notarized, and sometimes even recorded, for other reasons. If the power of attorney has been filed (recorded) with a county records department, the paper canceling (or revoking) the power of attorney should be filed in the same place. It might not need to be notarized to be a valid revocation, but if the original was notarized you will probably avoid potential conflict by having the revocation notarized as well.

In King County, powers of attorney should be recorded in County Recorder's Office in Room 311 of the King County Administration Building at 4<sup>th</sup> and James in Seattle. Recording in other counties may be done in the office of the county recorder or auditor.

If you have named a spouse or registered domestic partner as your agent, his or her authority to act under the power of attorney is automatically terminated in the event of divorce, legal separation or termination of the registered domestic partnership. You may still want to revoke the power of attorney in writing to provide documentation of the change that you can send to anyone who was relying on the power of attorney.

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**REVOCAION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I revoke the power of attorney I gave to \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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On \_\_\_\_\_, a person I know to be \_\_\_\_\_  
appeared before me in person, signed above, and acknowledged that the signing was  
done freely and voluntarily for the purposes mentioned above.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of Washington,  
residing at:  
Commission expires: