

# Been Arrested?



What does it mean to **EXPUNGE** my juvenile record?

To “erase” or physically destroy records or to return the records to you, and to obliterate (remove) your name from any official index or public record, making the record off limits to most entities.

## **NOT ALL JUVENILE RECORDS JUST GO AWAY!**

**A study from the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission found that less than one percent of cases eligible for expungement were expunged in the state of Illinois.**

### Why is expunging my juvenile record **IMPORTANT?**

- ◆ Can impact ability to get a job, attend college, or serve in the military
- ◆ Confidentiality is not always a guarantee with juvenile records



Illinois expungement laws:

705 ILCS 405/5-915  
and  
705 ILCS 405/5-622

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### WHERE CAN I GET EXPUNGEMENT FORMS?

- ◆ The Clerk’s Office
- ◆ Your local police department
- ◆ Appellate Defender’s website
- ◆ The Juvenile Justice Council’s website
- ◆ Illinois Legal Aid is an online resource that can assist in completing the appropriate forms for expungement.

### DO I NEED A LAWYER TO FILE FOR JUVENILE EXPUNGEMENT?

No, you can file your juvenile expungement petition on your own without an attorney; however, you can hire one if you wish to do so. You may also wish to consult with a lawyer if you are not a United States citizen.

### LOCAL RESOURCES

<i>Administer Justice</i>	<i>Kane County Law Library</i>	<i>Prairie State Legal Services</i>
1750 Grandstand Pl Elgin, IL 60123 (847) 844-1100	37W777 IL Route 38 Saint Charles, IL 60175 (630) 406-7126	1024 West Main St. Charles, IL 60174 (630) 232 - 6415
<a href="http://administerjustice.org">administerjustice.org</a>	<a href="http://kclawlibrary.org">kclawlibrary.org</a>	<a href="http://pslegal.org">pslegal.org</a>

### ONLINE RESOURCES

- ⇒ **Juvenile Justice Council website:** [jjcouncil.countyofkane.org/juvenileexpungement](http://jjcouncil.countyofkane.org/juvenileexpungement)
- ⇒ **Illinois Legal Aid:** [illinoislegalaid.org](http://illinoislegalaid.org)
- ⇒ **State Appellate Defender:** [illinois.gov/osad](http://illinois.gov/osad)



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