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Filing a Claim Against the County of Sacramento

Claims MUST be filed at the following location:

County of Sacramento
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
700 H Street, Rm. 2450
Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions regarding the claims process should be referred to:

County of Sacramento
Risk Management Office
(916) 876-5251

You must file your claim form, by mail or in person, with The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 700 H Street, Rm. 2450, Sacramento, CA 95814, **within the time limits prescribed by Government Code section 911.2**, which states: "A claim relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person or to personal property or growing crops shall be presented as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 915) of this chapter not later than six months after the accrual of the cause of action. A claim relating to any other cause of action shall be presented as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 915) of this chapter not later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action."

The claim shall be signed by you or by some person on your behalf, and shall include all of the information required by Government Code section 910.

County of Sacramento Self-Insurance Program

Risk Management Office, P.O. Box 276130, Sacramento, CA 95827 Telephone: (916) 876-5251 Fax: (916) 876-5156
California Relay Service 7-1-1 * www.saccounty.net

The County of Sacramento is a self-insured public entity, which operates its claims program in accordance with regulations that are set forth in the Government Code of the State of California. With self-insurance, a business pays for its losses with its own resources.

Since the County is a self-insured public entity, **you are strongly urged to read all instructions and make yourself aware of the rules and regulations that apply to filing a claim against a public entity.** If you do not comply with the filing requirements, your claim may be returned as insufficient (Government Code section 910.8).

Are you filing a Late Claim?

Government Code Section 911.2 states: "A claim relating to a cause of action for death or for injury to person or to personal property or growing crops shall be presented as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 915) of this chapter not later than six months after the accrual of the cause of action. A claim relating to any other cause of action shall be presented as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 915) of this chapter not later than one year after the accrual of the cause of action."

If you are filing your tort claim after the six-month filing period, you must explain to the County your reason(s) for the delay. This is called an "Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim" (see Govt. Code section 911.4). There is no application form, therefore your application should be in the form of a letter with the proposed claim attached. The County shall consider the application in accordance with Government Code section 911.6, which lists legally acceptable reasons for filing a late claim. The County shall decide whether the application will be accepted. The County will consider the merits of the actual claim **only** if the "Application for Leave to Present a Late Claim" has been accepted.

Completing the Claim Form

You will need to provide the following information if you are submitting a claim to the County of Sacramento:

- 1. Claimant Name:** Full name of the person claiming injury or damages.
- 2. Date of Birth:** Date the claimant was born. The County must know if the claim is being filed by, or on behalf of, a minor.
- 3. Claimant's Address:** Current address of the person claiming injury or damages.
- 4. Address Where Notices Are To Be Sent:** The address to which correspondence pertaining to the claim will be sent, if different from #3.
- 5. Phone Numbers:** Provide current home and work phone numbers. If you have a mobile phone, please provide that as well.
- 6. Amount of Claim:** Enter the total amount of your claim as of the date of presentation of the claim, which includes the estimated amount of any prospective injury, damage, or loss, insofar as it may be known at the time of presentation of the claim
- 7. Date of Accident / Incident / Loss:** The exact date of the Accident/Incident/Loss that caused your alleged damage or injury
- 8. Location of Accident / Incident / Loss:** Please provide a specific location where the Accident/Incident/Loss that caused your alleged damage or injury occurred. Include as much information as you can with respect to the location. This is vital to the investigation of your claim. A diagram has been provided for your convenience.
- 9. How Did This Accident / Incident / Loss Occur?:** Provide a detailed account of the events that led up to your alleged damage or injury. Include all information that you believe supports your claim that the County is responsible for your alleged damage / injury.
- 10. Describe Damage / Injury / Loss:** Provide a detailed account of your alleged damage or injury that resulted from the Accident / Incident / Loss
- 11. Name(s) of Public Employees Causing Damage/Injury/Loss (if known):** Please list the name(s) of the County employee(s), and/or the County Department that allegedly caused your damage or injury
- 12. Itemized List of Expenses/Damages:** Provide a breakdown of the amount of your total claim shown in item #6. The claimant must provide the basis of computation of the amount claimed. For property damage claims, please include one (1) estimate if the repairs are going to be under \$1,000, and two (2) estimates if the repairs are going to be over \$1,000
- 13. Signed By, or For, The Claimant:** A claim may be presented by the claimant, or by a person acting on his behalf. The person that presented the claim to the County for consideration should sign this form

If you have any questions regarding the claims process, please contact the County of Sacramento – Risk and Loss Control Division at 916-876-5251. The Risk and Loss Control Division Website is found at <http://hra.co.sacramento.ca.us/liability/liability.html>

Please keep one (1) copy for your records - Print/Type Only

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CLAIM NUMBER (Dept. Use ONLY)

CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

1. Claimant's Name _____ 2. Date of Birth _____
Last First M.I.

3. Claimant's Address

Street (or P.O. Box) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. Address Where Correspondence Should Be Sent (if different from above)

Name _____

Street (or P.O. Box) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

5. Phone Number () _____ () _____ () _____
Home Work Other

6. Amount of Claim \$ _____

7. Date of Accident / Incident / Loss: _____

8. Location of Accident / Incident / Loss: _____

9. Provide your description of how the Accident / Incident / Loss Occurred: _____

10. Describe Damage / Injury / Losses being claimed (including prospective Damage / Injury / Losses to the extent it is known at the time of claim filing)

11. Name(s) of Public Employee(s) Involved _____

12. Itemized List of Claimed Expenses / Damages (should equal Line 6)

| ITEM | DOLLAR AMOUNT |
|--|-----------------------------|
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| _____ | \$ _____ |
| (Please attach any estimates* and/or receipts to your claim) | |
| *1 estimate if repairs are <u>less</u> than about \$1,000 | TOTAL CLAIM \$ _____ |
| *2 estimates if repairs are <u>more</u> than about \$1,000 | |

Board of Supervisors Stamp

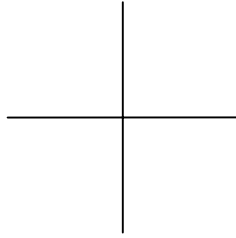
Do Not Write In This Space

Section 72 of the Penal Code states: "Every person who, with intent to defraud, presents for allowance or for payment to any state board or officer, or to any county, city, or district board or officer, authorized to allow or pay the same if genuine, any false or fraudulent claim, bill, account, voucher, or writing, is punishable either by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than one year, by a fine of not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both such imprisonment and fine, or by imprisonment in the state prison, or by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or by both such imprisonment and fine."

13. Signature of Claimant/Representative: _____ DATE _____

LOCATION DIAGRAM

Indicate Directional Points on the Compass (N, S, E, W)



1. Identify streets
2. If vehicles are involved, indicate COUNTY VEHICLE as #1, and all others in numerical sequence.

