

# EXPUNCTION PROJECT

We expunge and seal eligible criminal records for FREE!

## What does it mean to expunge my records and how will it help me?

In limited circumstances, Texas law allows you to remove information about an arrest, charge, or conviction from your criminal records. This means that all information about the offense is destroyed. Once your record is expunged, you may deny the incident occurred. With limited exceptions, you will no longer need to tell landlords, employers, or others who ask about that criminal history.

## What types of criminal records may be expunged?

- An arrest for a crime that was never charged
- A criminal charge that was dismissed

## What types of criminal records may be sealed?

Some first-time convictions for certain misdemeanors MAY be eligible to be sealed.

Offenses (felonies and misdemeanors) that were dismissed after completing deferred adjudication MAY be eligible to be sealed.


Sealing adult records, if eligible, occurs by obtaining an Order of Nondisclosure (NDO) from a court. The NDO prevents information about a sealed offense from showing up on background checks, but the offense information would still be visible to law enforcement and some state agencies.

Juvenile records may be sealed through a different process. For more information about sealing your juvenile records, contact your local juvenile probation or legal aid office.

## What types of criminal records may NOT be expunged?

All felony convictions.

## How to apply for legal assistance

<p><b>1) CONTACT THE PROJECT</b></p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/expfall19">http://bit.ly/expfall19</a></p> 	<p><b>2) GATHER RECORDS</b></p> <p>DPS Criminal History Report <b>(required):</b> \$25 fee (credit card or money order)</p> <p>108 Denson Drive Austin, TX 78752 OR at any Identogo location:</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/identogo">http://bit.ly/identogo</a></p>	<p><b>3) ATTEND AN INTAKE SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Intakes will be scheduled for early Fall 2019</b></p>
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