

Review of Washington's Statute of Limitations

RCW	Crime	Prosecution Timeframe	Age	Comments
9A.04.080(1)(b)	(iii)(A)Rape 1 st Degree (9A.44.040)	10 Years	>14 Years	Reported to Law Enforcement w/in 1 year and victim over 14 years of age
	(iii)(A)Rape 2 nd Degree (9A.44.050)	10 Years	>14 Years	Reported to Law Enforcement w/in 1 year and victim over 14 years of age
9A.04.080(1)	(iii)(A)Rape 1 st Degree (9A.44.040)	Up to 28 th birthday	< 14 Years	Reported to Law Enforcement w/in 1 year and victim under 14 years of age
9A.04.080(1)	(iii)(A)Rape 2 nd Degree (9A.44.050)	Up to 28 th birthday	< 14 Years	Reported to Law Enforcement w/in 1 year and victim under 14 years of age
9A.04.080(1)(c)	Rape of Child 1 st Degree (9A.44.073)	Up to 28 th Birthday	< 12 Years	Less than 12 years of age & 24 months older
	Rape of Child 2 nd Degree (9A.44.076)	Up to 28 th Birthday	12-14 Years	At least 12 years of age but less than 14, & 36 months older
	Child Molestation 1 st Degree (9A.44.083)	Up to 28 th Birthday	< 12 Years	Less than 12 years of age & 36 months older
	Child Molestation 2 nd Degree (9A.44.086)	Up to 28 th Birthday	12-14 Years	At least 12 years of age but less than 14, & 36 months older
	Rape of a Child 3 rd Degree (9A.44.079)	Up to 28 th Birthday	14-16 Years	At least 14 years of age but less than 16 & 48 months older
	Child Molestation 3 rd Degree (9A.44.089)	Up to 28 th Birthday	14-16 Years	At least 14 years of age but less than 16 & 48 months older
	Indecent Liberties (9A.44.100(1)(b))	Up to 28 th Birthday		When the other person is incapable of consent by reason of being mentally defective, mentally incapacitated, or physically helpless
	Incest (9A.64.020)	Up to 28 th Birthday		"Descendant" includes step & adopted children under 18 years of age
9A.04.080(1)(B)	(B)(I)Rape 1 st Degree (9A.44.040)	3 Years	>14 Years	Not Reported to Law Enforcement w/in 1 year and victim over 14 years of age
	(B)(II)Rape 1 st Degree (9A.44.040)	3 Years / 7 Years	< 14 Years	3 Years after 18 th birthday, OR 7 Years after the rape's commission; whichever is later.

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9A.04.080(1)(a)	(i) Murder	Any Time	Any Age	The crimes listed may be prosecuted at any time after their commission
	(ii) Homicide by Abuse			
	(iii) Arson = Death			
	(iv) Vehicular Homicide			
	(v) Vehicular Assault = Death			
	(vi) Hit & Run = Death			
9A.04.080(1)(b)	(i) Felony Committed by Public Officer	10 Years	-	
	(ii) Arson ≠ Death	10 Years	-	
9A.04.080(1)(B)	(i) Leading Organized Crime (9A.82.060)	6 Years		
	(i) Criminal Profiteering (9A.82.080)	6 Years		
	(ii) Money Laundering (9A.83)	6 Years		
	(iii) Identity Crimes (9.35)	6 Years		
	(iv) Theft & Robbery (9A.56)	6 Years		
9A.04.080(1)(f)	Bigamy (9A.64.010)	3 Years		
9A.04.080(1)(g)	Theft 1 st Degree (9A.56.030)	3 Years		3 Years after the discovery when victim is tax exempt corporation 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3)
9A.04.080(1)(h)	Felony*	3 Years		*No other felony prosecuted more than 3 years except 9A.44.115 (Voyeurism)
9A.04.080(1)(i)	Gross Misdemeanor	2 Years		
9A.04.080(1)(j)	Misdemeanor	1 Year		

< = Less Than

> = Greater Than

Sexual assault statute of limitation prosecution timeframes determined by "commission of the crime."

All other crime type statute of limitation prosecution timeframes determined by "their commission or their discovery."