



**ARIZONA STATE
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**
A DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE



**General Records Retention Schedule Issued to:
All Arizona Counties
Public Defender**

**Schedule Number:
GS-1066**

- Authority:** Pursuant to ARS 41-151.12(3), only the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has the authority to set retention periods, including the sole authority to modify, extend or decrease records retention periods. The retention periods listed herein are the required time records must be retained. Records should be promptly and orderly disposed of at the end of their retention period. Keeping records longer than the retention period poses financial, legal, audit and investigative risks to the Agency. These risks need to be considered by State and Local Agencies when there is a compelling need to retain records for a longer period of time than the approved retention period. Records required for ongoing or foreseeable official proceedings such as audits, investigations or lawsuits, must be retained until released from such official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule.
- Archival Value:** Records designated as Permanent on the retention schedule must not be destroyed (ARS 39-101). If it is believed that special circumstances warrant other records to be retained permanently, contact the Arizona State Archives for assistance in determining historical or archival value. All records created prior to 1912 must be retained permanently. This retention schedule does not authorize the transfer of records to any repository other than the Arizona State Archives (ARS 41-151.09).
- Disposition:** This schedule is used in conjunction with the Certificate of Records Destruction. All records disposed under this schedule must be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction, unless transferred to the Arizona State Archives.
- Format:** Retention periods listed on this schedule apply to all records regardless of physical form or characteristics. Records, regardless of format (including electronic, paper, microfilm, etc.) not listed in this schedule or on the approved General Retention Schedule, are not authorized to be destroyed.
- Copies:** Additional copies created for convenience or reference purposes should not be retained longer than the record copy listed in this schedule. Copies do not need to be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction when they are disposed.
- Supersedence:** **This schedule supersedes General Schedule dated November 5, 2001.**

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| Record Series Number | Record Series Title | Retention Period | Retention Remark | Legal Citation(s) | Approval Date |
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| 20966 | Felony Cases | 10 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20967 | Misdemeanor Cases | 5 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20968 | Juvenile Cases | 5 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20969 | Juvenile Cases Prosecuted Under Sexual Predator Act (ARS 36-3701 Ent.Seq.) | 10 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20970 | Extradition Files | 4 Years | After date of closing. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20971 | Mental Competency Cases | 4 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |
| 20972 | Appeals | 10 Years | After final disposition of case. | | 11/5/2001 |