

Rights and Responsibilities

By signing this affidavit, you acknowledge that you have read and understand all of the following:

1. A MAN SHOULD NOT SIGN THIS FORM IF HE IS NOT SURE HE IS THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.
2. You may seek genetic testing before signing the form. Signing a Paternity Affidavit is **voluntary**. You may not be able to reverse paternity and the legal responsibilities of support associated with it, once you sign a Paternity Affidavit.
3. You may sign paternity Affidavit at the local Health Department at any time before the child's emancipation, as long as there is no father listed on the birth certificate.
4. A woman who knowingly or intentionally falsely names a man as the child's biological father commits a Class A misdemeanor.
5. That you have received written and verbal information about the legal effects of signing a Paternity Affidavit.
6. Since the form has legal consequences, you may want to consult an attorney before signing.
7. This affidavit is void if signed after the mother has executed consent to adoption and a petition to adopt has been filed.
8. If the presumed father does not establish paternity now, but want the right to notice and a hearing regarding any adoption of the child, he must register with the Indiana Putative Father Registry through the Indiana State Department of Health.
9. If you do not sign a Paternity affidavit and are unsure about the paternity of the child, you may contact the Prosecuting Attorney's office in your county for help establishing paternity. They will help arrange tests to establish paternity.
10. The custodial party may contact the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in their county for the child support services below through the IV-D program. There is a small fee if the parent is not receiving public assistance.
 - Establishing paternity
 - Finding the absent parent
 - Getting a court order for the payment of child support and medical support
 - Enforcing child support and medical support.
11. **The completion of the legal document establishes paternity with no further court action require** and gives the mother or the IV-D agency the right to obtain a child support order requiring the father to pay support.
12. The father will have parenting time as outlined by the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines, unless a court rules differently. See www.in.gov/judiciary/rules/parenting.
13. A man has the right to withdraw/rescind his acknowledgment of paternity only within sixty (60) days of the date the Paternity Affidavit is completed. To do so he must file an action in a court with jurisdiction over paternity and may need to submit to and pay for genetic testing. IC 16-37-2-2.1 (i-j) **After 60 days the father may not be able to reverse paternity, even if genetic test prove the child is not his.**