

**Chapter 9A.80 RCW**  
**ABUSE OF OFFICE**

**Sections**

9A.80.010 Official misconduct.

**RCW 9A.80.010 Official misconduct.** (1) A public servant is guilty of official misconduct if, with intent to obtain a benefit or to deprive another person of a lawful right or privilege:

(a) He or she intentionally commits an unauthorized act under color of law; or

(b) He or she intentionally refrains from performing a duty imposed upon him or her by law.

(2) Official misconduct is a gross misdemeanor. [2011 c 336 § 408; 1975-'76 2nd ex.s. c 38 § 17; 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 § 9A.80.010.]

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*Failure of duty by public officers: RCW 42.20.100.*