



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

FALCONRY LICENSE CONDITIONS

1. Only the address specified on the permit holder's (Permittee) License Card (permit) is authorized as the falconry facility;
2. The department must be informed within **five business days** if a Permittee moves his/her falconry facilities to another location.
3. The Permittee must carry his or her permit or legible copies of his or her permit in immediate possession when practicing falconry activities.
4. A resident falconer in Washington must maintain approved facilities for housing raptors used in recreational falconry and all raptors held under a falconry or abatement permit shall be maintained in humane and healthful conditions.
5. Falconers must provide adequate falconry facilities and equipment, adequate care, feed, and/or maintenance for a raptor and falconry facilities must be kept in a sanitary condition.
6. Falconry permits may be revoked for inhumane treatment of falconry raptors.
7. Other federal, state, and/or local permits may be required; it is the responsibility of the Primary Permittee to obtain all required permits.
8. All raptor acquisitions, captures, purchases, gifting, sales, transfers, releases, banding, escapes, loss by death of a falconry raptor or escape, theft, or microchipping and all other changes in raptor status are to be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by filing a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Form 3-186A within **ten days**. The department accesses information from the USFWS electronic data base to satisfy the state reporting requirement; no paper copies to the state are needed.
9. Falconers must keep copies of all paper and electronic Form 3-186As and database submissions.
10. Falconers may trap and/or possess only the species and number of raptors permissible to their falconry class.
11. A falconer must report take of a raptor from the wild no later than **ten days** after the capture of the raptor.
12. The falconer must report the capture of a raptor wearing equipment or a captive-bred raptor that is not his or her own to the department no more than **five business days** after the capture.
13. Falconers may take immature wild raptors from a nest only if there are one or more live nestling raptors remaining in the nest.
14. Falconers are responsible for costs of veterinary care and rehabilitation if a raptor is injured during his or her trapping effort.
15. When flown free, hybrid raptors must have at least two attached radio transmitters.
16. A species not native to Washington, or a hybrid of any kind, may not be permanently released to the wild intentionally.
17. Wild taken raptors may not be purchased, sold, traded, or bartered. Exchanging raptors with other falconers is not considered to be barter or trade.
18. The falconer shall submit the information of an accidental kill to the department by April 1st following the close of the current hunting season or within **ten days** of the kill if not during a hunting season.
19. A falconry permit does not authorize a falconer to capture or release raptors or practice falconry on public lands where it is prohibited, on private property without permission from the landowner or custodian, or on tribal lands without permission.
20. If a falconer takes a goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Harris's hawk (*Parabuteo unicinctus*), peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), or gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*) from the wild or acquires one from a rehabilitator, it must be banded with a permanent, nonreusable, numbered U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leg band that the department will supply. The falconer must report the action and the band number and/or microchip information within **ten days**.
21. If the band must be removed or is lost from a raptor in possession, report the loss of the band within **five days**, and request a replacement U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service nonreusable band from the department. Report the rebanding **immediately**.

A Falconry permit may be revoked, modified, or suspended by the director for cause (WAC 232-30-110). Failure to abide by these conditions may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit holder's Falconry Permit. By signing the Falconry License Card the Falconry Permit holder agrees to abide by all applicable Washington statutes and regulations.

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