

## Responsibilities of the Board of Health

Enforce state public health statutes, rules and regulations

Supervise health and sanitary measures to protect the public health

Enact local rules to preserve promote and improve public health

Control/prevent contagious disease

Prevent and control nuisances detrimental to the public health

Make required reports to the State Board of Health and Department of Health

Establish fees authorized by statute and the State Board of Health

Appoint a Health Officer

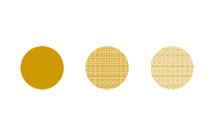
*RCW 70.05*



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Whitman County Board of Health

### Roles and Responsibilities for Board of Health Members



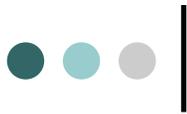
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## “The Sweet 16”

### 16 Tips on Being a Good Board of Health Member

1. Work cooperatively with your health department. Rely on their expertise and their efforts.
2. Do not assume that public health can instantly solve all problems.
3. Be willing to take a stand on important health issues, even if it means disagreeing.
4. Learn to make necessary decisions, even in the midst of adverse public reaction.
5. Know the difference between private problems and those that have impact on the public..
6. Seek out information from all possible sources before making decisions.
7. Do your homework: read pertinent records, memos, and budgets before board meetings.
8. Volunteer for appropriate local health department service programs.
9. Communicate frequently with your director/health officer.
10. Be a health proponent in your community. Promote public health.
11. Do not make promises to constituents that public health cannot fulfill.
12. Take an active role in planning and zoning issues; stop potential problems before they start.
13. The director, health officer, or appointed staff, should serve as the liaison to the media.
14. Your role as a private citizen setting local health policy is important to your community.
15. Make sure the board of health complies with the Open Meetings regulations.
16. Enjoy your work! You are essential in providing public health services in our community.

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