

**MPR 1.2**  
**CONTINUANCE OR POSTPONEMENT**

In any judicial proceeding for involuntary commitment or detention held pursuant to RCW 71.05 the court may continue or postpone such proceeding for a reasonable time, subject to RCW 71.05.210 and RCW 71.05.240, on the following grounds:

(a) On motion of the respondent if there is a showing of good cause;

(b) On motion of the prosecuting attorney or the Attorney General if:

(1) The respondent expressly consents to a continuance or delay and there is a showing of good cause; or

(2) Required in the proper administration of justice and the respondent will not be substantially prejudiced in the presentation of respondent's case.

(c) The court on its own motion may continue the case when required in the due administration of justice and when the respondent will not be substantially prejudiced in the presentation of his case.

An order granting continuance shall state whether detention will be extended and the grounds therefor.

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