

Why would a Notary Public be unable to complete a notarization?

- All signer(s) and/or witness(es) are not present in person with the Notary Public.
- A document is missing pages and/or has blank spaces that affect the content of the document.
- The signer does not have proper ID, or is not known personally by the Notary Public. (California notaries are required to obtain ID in all cases).
- The Notary Public believes changes to the document may have been made after it has been signed.
- There is no notarial certificate on the document and the signer does not know which notarial act is required.
- The signer and the Notary Public are not able to communicate with each other.
- The Notary Public believes the signer does not understand the purpose and/or consequences of signing.
- For certain notarial requests that may involve complex rules or unfamiliar notarial types, or due to other work obligations, the Notary Public can recommend that you obtain further consultation with the party responsible for requesting the document be notarized or legal counsel.