BACKGROUND: Washington (D.C.) is used in subject headings for the city of Washington and the District of Columbia. The practice of assigning District of Columbia to works of a legal or administrative nature was discontinued in 1981. For classification of works on Washington and the District of Columbia, see F 750.

1. Usage of Washington (D.C.). Use the heading Washington (D.C.) as a subject heading or geographic subdivision for works on the city or district.

2. Usage of District of Columbia. The name heading District of Columbia may be used as a subject heading only when it is an element of corporate body name headings such as District of Columbia. Board of Education or District of Columbia. Juvenile Court.

3. Geographic subdivision practice. As a geographic subdivision, use Washington (D.C.) directly after topics.

4. Geographic qualifier. Use the form (Washington, D.C.) as a geographic qualifier when establishing headings for entities in Washington, D.C.

5. Washington Metropolitan Area, Washington Suburban Area, and Washington Region. According to the definitions in H 790, use the headings Washington Metropolitan Area, Washington Suburban Area, and Washington Region, without a geographic qualifier, as the headings for the areas associated with the city. When using these headings as geographic subdivisions, assign them directly after topics.

6. Subdividing broader term fields. When adding 550 (broader term) fields for geographic features, or for individual buildings, structures, etc., use Washington (D.C.) to subdivide the reference geographically. Example:

   150 ## $a Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Washington, D.C.)
   550 ## $w g $a War memorials $z Washington (D.C.)