



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5120-12-04 Electronic monitoring of prisoners.

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- (A) Prisoners on transitional control may be confined, pursuant to division (A)(1) of section 2967.26 of the Revised Code, in a halfway house facility or a residence approved for this purpose and monitored by an electronic monitoring device. The following criteria will be considered prior to placing a prisoner on electronic monitoring at an approved residence.
- (1) The prisoner's behavior and rule violation history.
 - (2) The suitability of the proposed residence as determined by paragraph (B) of this rule.
 - (3) The anticipated impact that the placement will have on the prisoner's ability to successfully reenter the community and reduce recidivism.
- (B) Prior to placement of prisoners on an electronic monitoring device at a residence, the department of rehabilitation and correction will investigate the residence at which the prisoner proposes to reside to determine whether it is suitable. For the residence to be approved as suitable, the owner or the tenant of the property must sign a host agreement verifying their consent to the following conditions:
- (1) The prisoner may reside at the residence;
 - (2) The department of rehabilitation and correction employees may enter the residence to ensure that the equipment is operating properly;
 - (3) The owner or tenant will not permit any firearm, dangerous ordinance, or dangerous weapon to be kept, stored at, or brought onto the premises during the time the prisoner on transitional control is residing there;
 - (4) The department of rehabilitation and correction employees may search the residence in which a prisoner on electronic monitoring resides when there is reasonable belief that the halfway house facility rules or department of rehabilitation and correction rules of participation have been violated.
- (C) If it is determined that the residence is suitable for electronic monitoring, the investigating staff member will have the owner or tenant sign the host agreement required by paragraph (B) of this rule.
- (D) Any prisoner placed on electronic monitoring will have inclusion and exclusion zones established. At a minimum, a home inclusion zone should be established with a curfew.
- (E) Upon notification that a prisoner is out of place or is not at the approved residence, appropriate action will be taken as soon as possible to confirm confinement at



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the approved residence, or if not so confined, make reasonable efforts to locate and regain custody of the prisoner. The notification and all such efforts will be documented.

- (F) A prisoner is required to remain at the facility or approved residence to which he is assigned at all times, unless authorized to leave. If authorized to leave, the prisoner is required to return at the designated time. Policy protocols dictate time frames for reporting leaves without authorization, late returns, or failures to return for the purpose of issuing warrants and requesting the prosecutor to file escape charges under section 2921.34 of the Revised Code. Leaving without authorization or failing to return at the designated time will be considered by the department of rehabilitation and correction to be an escape pursuant to section 2921.34 of the Revised Code. In these situations, the department may declare the prisoner to be an escapee, stop the running of his sentence, and request prosecution.