



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5120-9-23 Escapes.

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(A) The department of rehabilitation and correction responds to an inmate escape in a manner which maximizes the safety of the general public while engaging in actions designed to apprehend the escapee(s).

(B) Each institution establishes a specific prevention, escape and apprehension action plan which includes institution specific instructions for preventing an escape, and in the event of an escape: reporting, containment and security of the institution, mobilizing staff and information, formulating an action plan to apprehend the escapee(s), returning to normal operations and follow-up.

(C) In the event of an escape, the institution immediately reports the escape to the Ohio state highway patrol and other relevant local support agencies and submit a written report to the director and or designee(s). Periodic updates will be provided to the director and or designee(s) as instructed.

(D) An investigation of an attempted escape or actual escape is completed to determine any security failures, staff failures, and to identify any corrective actions required or already taken.

(E) If an inmate who was convicted of a felony offense of violence escapes, the office of victim services, in accordance with division (H)(1) of section 5120.60 of the Revised Code, shall notify each victim of the offense or offenses committed by the inmate of the inmate's escape and, if applicable, the inmate's subsequent apprehension. The office of victim services may request the assistance of the prosecuting attorney of the county in which the escaped inmate was convicted in identifying and locating a victim required to receive notice under this paragraph.
