



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 935.23 Requirements for access to antivenom; list of species; liability for treatment of bites.

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(A) The owner of a restricted snake specified in division (L)(2), (3), or (4) of section 935.01 of the Revised Code shall do both of the following:

(1) Have access to antivenom for each species of snake that the person owns either at the location where each snake is confined or at a hospital, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, with which the owner has entered into a written agreement to provide the antivenom. However, an owner may apply to the director of agriculture for a waiver to have access to antivenom in a location that is not specified in division (A)(1) of this section.

(2) Submit proof of having access to the antivenom required by division (A)(1) of this section to the sheriff of the county and the chief law enforcement officer of the township or municipal corporation in which each snake that the person owns is confined.

In addition, the owner shall submit a list that contains the name of each species of restricted snake specified in division (L)(2), (3), or (4) of section 935.01 of the Revised Code that the person owns to the sheriff of the county and the chief law enforcement officer of the township or municipal corporation in which each snake is confined. If the restricted snake or snakes owned by the person change, the owner shall submit an updated list to the sheriff of the county and the chief law enforcement officer of the township or municipal corporation in which each such snake is confined no later than seven days after the change occurs.

(B) If a restricted snake specified in division (L)(2), (3), or (4) of section 935.01 of the Revised Code bites a person other than the snake's owner, the owner is liable for all costs associated with the treatment of the bite, including the cost of replacement of any antivenom that was used to treat the bite.

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