

CHAPTER: 700

Operational Security

DEPARTMENT ORDER:

707 – Inmate Escape Prevention/Response

OFFICE OF PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY:

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ACCESS

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Department Order Manual

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PURPOSE

This Department Order (DO) establishes procedures for escape prevention and responses to escapes.

PROCEDURES

1.0 DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

- 1.1 Wardens, Deputy Wardens or Administrators shall ensure that appropriate disciplinary charges are filed against an inmate who escapes, in accordance with the Department's Inmate Discipline System.
- 1.2 Forfeiture of Earnings and Personal Property – Upon confirmation that an inmate has escaped, the inmate's:
 - 1.2.1 Earnings and funds shall be forfeited and accounts placed on hold, as outlined in DO #905, Inmate Trust Accounts.
 - 1.2.2 Personal property shall be considered abandoned and will be seized and forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) for evidence. Upon the completion of the investigation, personal property will be released to the Contraband Control Officer for disposition in accordance with DO #803, Inmate Disciplinary Procedure and DO #909, Inmate Property.
- 1.3 Escape Apprehension Costs – Inmates who have escaped shall be required to reimburse the Department for all apprehension costs. Inmates attempting to escape are also subject to confiscation of all personal property including funds/assessed full cost of preventing escape, as outlined in DO #905, Inmate Trust Accounts.

RESTRICTED SECTIONS

- 2.0 ESCAPE PREVENTION – RESTRICTED**
- 3.0 ESCAPE RESPONSE – RESTRICTED**
- 4.0 ESCAPE FACT SHEET AND ESCAPE FLYER - RESTRICTED**
- 5.0 FUGITIVE APPREHENSION UNIT – RESTRICTED**
- 6.0 APPREHENSIONS – RESTRICTED**
- 7.0 ESCAPE INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW – RESTRICTED**

IMPLEMENTATION

Within 90 calendar days of the effective date of this DO, Wardens shall, where appropriate, supplement this DO by updating and maintaining Post Orders that address at a minimum:

- Institution/facility and unit escape response
- Staff responsibilities
- Reporting cost data, as required

Within 90 calendar days of the effective date of this DO, the Contract Beds Administrator shall ensure private prisons are in contractual compliance regarding inmate escapes.

DEFINITIONS/GLOSSARY

Refer to the Glossary of Terms for the following:

- Apprehension Costs
- Escape
- Escrow Account
- Full Authority Peace Officer
- Secure Custody
- Secure Work/Transportation Detail

FORMS LIST

105-2, Information Report

105-3, Significant Incident Report (SIR)

707-8, Inmate Escape Fact Sheet

804-2, Use of Force/Incident Command Report

AUTHORITY

A.R.S. § 13-2501(4), Definitions; Escapes

A.R.S. § 13-2502, Escape in the Third Degree; Classification

A.R.S. § 13-2503, Escape in the Second Degree; Classification

A.R.S. § 13-2504, Escape in the First Degree; Classification

A.R.S. § 31-254, Compensation for Labor Performed; Price of Prison Made Articles; Distribution of Earnings;
Worker's Compensation

A.R.S. § 31-342, Escape; Liability for Costs Incurred in Apprehension

A.R.S. § 41-1602, State Department of Corrections; Purpose