

CHAPTER: 700

Operational Security

DEPARTMENT ORDER:

707 – Inmate Escape Prevention/Response

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY:**

OPS

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ACCESS

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PURPOSE

This Department Order establishes procedures for escape prevention and responses to escapes, to include staff and law enforcement notification, investigation procedures, chase procedures, and filing of appropriate charges.

PROCEDURES

1.0 DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

- 1.1 Disciplinary Charges – The Department, through its Wardens, Deputy Wardens or Administrators shall ensure that appropriate disciplinary charges are filed against an inmate who escapes, in accordance with the Department Inmate Discipline System.
- 1.2 Forfeit of Earnings and Personal Property – Upon verification that an escape has occurred:
 - 1.2.1 Escaped inmate’s earnings and funds shall be forfeited and accounts placed on hold, as outlined in Department Order #905, Inmate Trust Account/Money System.
 - 1.2.2 Personal property shall be considered abandoned by the inmate. Staff shall seize all property and forward it to the Contraband Control Officer to be held for appropriate disposition in accordance with Department Order #803, Inmate Disciplinary Procedure and Department Order #909, Inmate Property.
- 1.3 Escape Apprehension Costs – Inmates who have escaped shall reimburse the Department for all costs associated with their pursuit and/or capture. Inmates attempting to escape are also subject to confiscation of all personal property including funds/assessed full cost of preventing escape, as outlined in Department Order #905, Inmate Trust Account/Money System, and the Inmate Banking/Money Technical Manual.

RESTRICTED SECTIONS

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

IMPLEMENTATION

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

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

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Department Order, the Contract Beds Operations Director shall ensure contract prisons are in contractual compliance regarding inmate escapes.

DEFINITIONS/GLOSSARY

Refer to the Glossary of Terms

AUTHORITY

A.R.S. §13-2501, 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. §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, Purpose of the Department of Corrections