


Yukon Corrections: Adult Custody Policy Manual

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Item:	B 1.4 Escape, Inadvertent Release, and Unlawfully at Large		
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STATEMENT OF POLICY

This policy describes the contingency plan for responding to escapes and unlawfully at large incidents.

AUTHORITIES

Criminal Code: ss. 25, 27, 144–146

Corrections Act, 2009: ss. 2, 6, 13, 14, 15 19, 29–32

DEFINITIONS

Code 

Escape: refers to any prison breach or escape from lawful custody, whether from within the correctional centre, from outside the correctional centre or in an escorted community setting. It does not include situations in which an inmate becomes unlawfully at large from a community release or those situations in which an inmate is inadvertently released from custody.


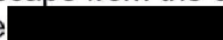

Inadvertent release: the release of an inmate from custody when an active warrant or order exists requiring that inmate to remain in custody.

Unlawfully at large: the wilful act or omission of a person in not returning from an unescorted temporary absence or in violating a term of a temporary absence.

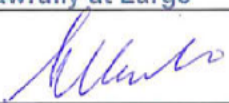
PROVISIONS

1. The Person in Charge of a correctional centre will establish and maintain contingency plans, training, equipment and facilities for the prevention of escapes from lawful custody and for the apprehension of inmates who have escaped.

Escape from within a correctional centre

2. When an Officer or other WCC staff member becomes aware of an escape or observes an escape from within the boundaries of the correctional centre he/she/they will immediately 
3. On being advised that an escape from the correctional centre has or may have occurred or is occurring, the  will immediately contact 

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[REDACTED] The [REDACTED] will then institute the Code [REDACTED] protocols set out in Policy B 1.2 Emergency Codes: Required Actions.

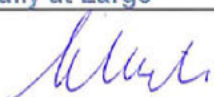
Escape from a community escort

4. When a correctional employee conducting a community escort becomes aware of an escape or observes an escape from an escorted absence in the community he/she/they will immediately [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. When [REDACTED] is advised of an escape from a community escort, he/she/they will:
 - 5.1. notify police of local jurisdiction as follows:
 - 5.1.1. [REDACTED]
 - 5.1.2. [REDACTED]
 - 5.1.3. [REDACTED]
 - 5.1.4. [REDACTED]
 - 5.1.5. [REDACTED]
 - 5.1.6. [REDACTED]
 - 5.2. notify the Person in Charge; and,
 - 5.3. notify Victim Services if the escapee has an active victim notification on file.

Unescorted Temporary Absence Violations/Unlawfully at Large

6. An Officer or WCC staff member will advise the Officer in Charge immediately when he/she/they becomes aware that an inmate on unescorted temporary absence has:
 - 6.1. willfully failed to return from that absence as and when required; or
 - 6.2. violated a term of the temporary absence.
7. The Officer in Charge, on being advised that an inmate has willfully failed to return from an unescorted temporary absence or has violated a term of the temporary absence will:
 - 7.1. notify the police and provide them with the following:
 - 7.1.1. [REDACTED]

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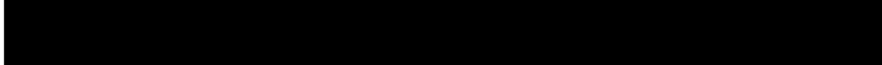
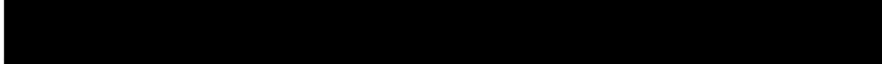

7.1.3. 

7.1.4. 

7.2. notify the Person in Charge.

8. The Person in Charge may suspend or cancel the temporary absence pursuant to s. 31 of the *Corrections Act*. In making this determination, the Person in Charge will consider the principle of least restrictive measures as well as the individualized circumstances of the inmate.
9. A copy of any warrant or notice made under s. 31 of the *Corrections Act* will be provided to the police.

Inadvertent release from custody

10. An Officer or other WCC staff member will immediately advise the Officer in Charge when he/she/they becomes aware or reasonably believes that an inmate has been released from custody and has an active warrant or order that requires that the inmate be in custody.
11. The Officer in Charge, on being advised of an inadvertent release, will:
 - 11.1. notify the police and provide them with the following:
 - 11.1.1. 
 - 11.1.2. 
 - 11.1.3. 
 - 11.1.4. 
 - 11.2. notify the Person in Charge.


Notifications of Escapes, Unlawfully at Large, and Inadvertent Release

12. In all instances of escape, unlawfully at large, and inadvertent release, the relevant officials will be notified in accordance with Policy B 1.1 Emergencies: Notification and Approval Table and Policy B 1.1.1 Notification of the Director, Corrections.

RELATED POLICIES & DIRECTIVES

- B 1.1.1 Notification of the Director, Corrections
- B 1.1. Emergencies: Notification and Approval Table

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- B 1.2 Emergency Codes: Required Actions
- B 2.1 Use of Force: Authorities and Considerations
- D 1.12 Victim Notification Process
- G 2.5 Police Notification of Escape/Unlawfully at Large form
- G 3.2 Emergency Contingency Plan Manual: 3.A Table of Code Responses,
4. B Escapes/Unlawfully at Large

HISTORY

Formerly Policy B 1.4 – Inmate Escapes