

Escape/AWOL

645.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish and standardize guidelines regarding personnel's response in the event of an escape or AWOL. This policy applies to all designated personnel.

645.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Escape - Any youth under the care, custody and control of the Riverside County Probation Department who leaves their court-ordered juvenile hall/county facility without proper authorization.

AWOL (Absent Without Leave) - Any youth under the care, custody and control of the Riverside County Probation Department who leaves their court-ordered private placement facility or the home of a Resource Family without proper authorization.

645.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State & Community Corrections Title 15, Article 3 § 1327;
- California Welfare & Institutions Code (W&IC) §§ 777, and 16501.35;
- Riverside County Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Policy & Procedure;
- Riverside County Institutions Policy 920;
- Public Law, 113th Congress, 113-183;
- 42 United States Code § 5772.

645.3 POLICY

The Riverside County Probation Department shall only release authorized youth from its facilities. Staff shall not let unauthorized youth leave the facility and shall take every precaution to minimize the escape or attempted escape from occurring. In the event of an attempt escape, escape, or AWOL, personnel are to adhere to the instructions contained in the Escape/AWOL Field Protocol (attached).

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Attachment(s):

1. [Escape/AWOL Field Protocol](#)