



**STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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Section 2: Safety and Emergency Procedures	Effective Date: June 1, 2002
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## **I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to respond quickly and efficiently to any incident that threatens the perimeter security of a facility.

## **II. APPLICABILITY**

Department-owned and contracted facilities and programs, as specified in contract.

## **III. DEFINITIONS**

Incident Commander (IC) – The individual with overall authority and responsibility for conducting all incident activities and managing all operations at the incident site.

## **IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

### **A. General Requirements**

1. Each facility will develop operational procedures for maintaining perimeter security consistent with the guidelines established within this policy and related Department policies including [DOC Policy 3.2.1\(A\)](#), [Emergency Operations Plan](#).
2. Threats to perimeter security that may facilitate an escape or compromise facility security will be responded to and remedied as quickly as possible; threats include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. inclement weather resulting in reduced visibility;
  - b. unauthorized vehicles;
  - c. external assaults;
  - d. damage reducing perimeter visibility or the ability to contain offenders;
  - e. alteration to grounds that may aid in escape or concealment of an offender; and
  - f. placement of any object adjacent to or on grounds that may allow unauthorized entry into the perimeter or egress from the facility.
3. Whenever a member(s) of the public is engaged in an attempt to breach perimeter security, law enforcement will be immediately notified; staff may arrest the person and may use reasonable force to detain the person until law enforcement takes custody of the person in accordance with [46-6-502, MCA](#).

### **B. Responsibilities**

1. The facility administrator will:
  - a. designate trained staff members responsible for emergency perimeter security; and
  - c. establish emergency post locations to provide additional perimeter coverage and control vehicle traffic during an emergency.

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2. The incident commander will:
  - a. in the event that adequate staff members are not available to maintain perimeter security, seek the assistance of local law enforcement and brief responding personnel;
  - b. establish and maintain operations; and
  - c. brief assigned staff members.

## V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Department Emergency Preparedness Planning Manager.

## VI. REFERENCES

- A. [2-15-112, MCA](#); [46-6-502, MCA](#); [53-1-203, MCA](#)
- B. [DOC Policy 3.2.1\(A\), Emergency Operations Plan](#)

## VII. ATTACHMENTS

None