



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

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Section 6: Release/Placement	Effective Date: June 4, 2002
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I. POLICY

The Department of Corrections retains legal custody of adult offenders who are granted furloughs by the Board of Pardons and Parole pursuant to [46-23-215\(3\)](#), MCA.

II. APPLICABILITY

Adult offenders in Department and contracted facilities who are approved for parole.

III. DEFINITIONS

Facility/Program – Refers to any division, prison, secure care correctional facility, correctional or training program, or community-based program under Department jurisdiction or contract. This term includes the facility building or residence, including property and land owned or leased and operated by the Department.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

A. Furlough Eligibility

1. For an offender to be eligible for a furlough, he or she must first be approved for parole by the Board of Pardons and Parole (BOPP).
2. Furloughs may be approved by the BOPP on the condition that the offender obtain verified employment, secure suitable living arrangements, or any other condition that is difficult to fulfill while incarcerated. Furloughs will be time-limited for fulfilling the condition.
3. Offenders meeting the eligibility criteria may apply for one ten-day furlough. While on furlough, the offender may request an extension of up to ten days if circumstances require additional time in the community to obtain employment, find housing, or meet other parole requirements pursuant to [46-23-215](#), MCA.

B. Furlough Application

Department of Corrections (DOC) employees will comply with *P&P Standard Operating Procedure [150-8, Furlough Program](#)*, when processing an offender for furlough.

C. Escape

If the offender fails to report as ordered to the supervising P&P officer or fails to return to the facility as ordered in the furlough permit, the offender may be charged with escape pursuant to [45-7-306](#), MCA and [46-23-215](#), MCA. The offender will be arrested pursuant to

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[46-23-1023](#), MCA.

D. Violations

DOC employees will comply with *P&P Standard Operating Procedure 150-8, Furlough Program*, when processing an offender who has violated the terms of a furlough. DOC employees will follow *46-23-1023, MCA* when arresting an offender on furlough.

E. Conditions of Ten-Day Furlough

Offenders on furlough are required to comply with furlough program rules, standard conditions, and all special conditions imposed by the BOPP.

F. Furlough to Parole Status

1. DOC employees will comply with *P&P Standard Operating Procedure 150-8, Furlough Program*, when transferring an offender from furlough to parole status.
2. Offenders who fail to comply with the requirements of furlough must be returned to the appropriate facility as set forth in *P&P Standard Operating Procedure 150-8, Furlough Program*.

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Probation and Parole bureau chief or Board of Pardons and Parole.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. [2-15-112](#), MCA; [45-7-306](#), MCA; [46-23-215](#), MCA; [46-23-218](#), MCA; [46-23-1023](#), MCA; [53-1-203](#), MCA
- B. ARM [20.2.212](#), *Onsite Hearing for Parole Violation*
- C. *Adult Community Corrections P&P Standard Operating Procedure* [150-8](#)

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.