

Temporary Absence Program

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What is the Temporary Absence Program?

It is a program that adult offenders can access. It allows the temporary release of offenders from custody to meet medical, administrative or humanitarian goals. This program facilitates the rehabilitation of offenders and their reintegration into the community as law-abiding citizens. Remanded offenders are not eligible for release under the Temporary Absence Program. The legal authority to release an offender for a temporary absence is found within the *Prisons and Reformatories Act*.

Is the safety of the public at risk when releasing prisoners?

Every precaution is taken to ensure public order and community safety before any absence is granted. Risk to re-offend, overall institutional conduct, availability of an adequate release plan, satisfactory community assessments, and a case management plan outlining treatment, rehabilitative programs and employment, are all carefully reviewed by a classification committee, prior to any release being approved.

The potential impact on victim(s) is also considered.

When an offender is released, is he/she escorted?

A temporary absence committee may

authorize the temporary absence release of an offender without escort, depending on the purpose of the release, a community assessment and the institutional record of the offender.

Are there conditions of release?

Yes. There are conditions, both mandatory and optional which limit the offender's movements and activities.

What is the duration of a temporary absence?

It varies, but the maximum number is 60 days, and is subject to review by a designated authority. A temporary absence may be revoked by the designated authority for a number of reasons, such as a violation of conditions of release or high risk behaviours that could result in further criminal activity.



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There are four kinds of temporary absence in the province:

- **One day:** Permits the absence of an offender for less than 24 hours.
- **Daily:** The offender must return to his/her correctional institution each day.
- **Full:** The offender does not have to return to the institution until the completion of the temporary absence or its revocation.
- **Medical:** An offender may be released for an undetermined time for medical reasons.



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