

## **68A-6.018 Injuries, Bites, and Escapes**

(1) Any person in possession of captive wildlife which requires a license or permit issued under Sections 379.3761, 379.3762, or 379.372, F.S., shall report any injury or bite resulting from such wildlife which requires treatment beyond basic first aid, except if occurring to the licensee, an employee authorized as a Corporate Authorized Individual on the license in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004(2)(e) or 68A-6.017(3)(a)4., F.A.C, or an individual with approved experience documentation on file for such wildlife in accordance with Rule 68A-6.004(2)(c), 68A-6.004(2)(d), 68A-6.004(3)(c), or 68A-6.017(3), F.A.C. Such injury or bite shall be reported immediately to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement.

### (2) Escapes:

(a) Any person in possession of Class I wildlife, Class II wildlife, capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, woolly monkeys, venomous reptiles, or reptiles of concern which requires a license or permit issued under Sections 379.3761, 379.3762, or 379.372, F.S., shall report any escapes from the primary caging, the approved facility location, or other enclosure, cage, leash or other constraint when wildlife is away from the approved facility location, to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement. Such reporting shall occur immediately upon discovery of the escape.

(b) Any person in possession of Class III wildlife, except capuchin, spider, or woolly monkeys, which requires a license or permit issued under Sections 379.3761 or 379.3762, F.S., shall report any escapes from the approved facility location or other enclosure, cage, leash or other constraint when wildlife is away from the approved facility location to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement. Such reporting shall occur within 24 hours of discovery of the escape.

(c) Any person authorized to possess Class I wildlife or venomous reptiles shall maintain a list of the current contiguous landowners or neighbors in Part B of the Captive Wildlife Critical Incident/Disaster Plan form FWCDLE 619 (06/09), as required in subsection 68A-6.004(5), F.A.C. Such list shall include the name, address and contact phone number for contiguous landowners or neighbors. For the purposes of this section a "contiguous landowner or neighbor" shall mean the current resident for all properties sharing a common boundary with the facility location. The entire width of a dedicated roadway shall be considered sharing a common boundary in instances of a dedicated roadway between neighboring properties.

(d) Upon discovery of an escape from secondary containment of a Class I animal or a venomous reptile, or a Class I animal or venomous reptile that has escaped from its primary containment and its whereabouts are unknown, the licensee shall immediately contact all contiguous landowners or neighbors by any method necessary to ensure notification. If the contiguous landowner or neighbor is a business complex or multi-unit dwelling, notification shall be made to the building manager or property manager, if one exists. If the facility location is a business complex or multi-unit dwelling, notification shall be made to all contiguous units and to the building manager or property manager, if one exists.

(3) Failure to report any injury or bite or any escapes from the primary caging or enclosures, the approved facility location, or other enclosure, cage, leash, or other constraint when wildlife is away from the approved facility location, as specified in subsections (1) and (2) above, shall be considered a violation of this rule.

(a) Failure to maintain a list of the current contiguous landowners or neighbors as specified in paragraph (2)c. above shall be considered a violation of this rule.

(4) Any injury or bite to a person as specified in subsection (1) above, which requires treatment beyond basic first aid, or any condition which results in wildlife escaping from the primary caging or enclosures, the approved facility location, or other enclosure, cage, leash, or other constraint when wildlife is away from the approved facility location as specified in subsection (2) above shall be considered a violation of subsection 68A-6.009(1), F.A.C.