



The Deputy Minister of CPSP is responsible for determining whether public notification through the media is in the interest of public safety.

In determining whether it is in the interest of public safety to notify the public, through the media, of an **escape** from a secure CPSP facility, the Deputy Minister shall:

- seek advice from police services and senior corrections officials to determine if public notification may in any way impede the capture of the inmate(s), impede an ongoing police investigation, and/or put victims at risk. If these risks to public safety are not identified, the public will be notified, through a media advisory.

In determining whether the public should be notified, through the media, of a **release in error and/or when an inmate(s) that may pose a threat to public safety is unlawfully at large for any reason other than an escape**, the Deputy Minister shall:

- direct officials to provide him/her the facts and circumstances of the incident at the earliest opportunity; and,
- seek advice from police services and senior corrections officials on whether the individual poses a risk to public safety and seek advice to determine if public notification may, in any way, impede the capture of the inmate(s), impede an ongoing police investigation, and/or put victims at risk. If the advice indicates a threat to public safety, a news release will be issued.

In the case of young offenders, because identification of a young offender is prohibited under The *Youth Criminal Justice Act*, unless authorized by a Youth Court Judge, a media advisory regarding a young offender will not be issued without an Order from a Youth Court Judge. When warranted because the young offender poses a serious risk to public safety, the Ministry will work with the Ministry of Justice and police services to seek permission from the Youth Court for disclosure to occur.

(NOTE: All references to the Deputy Minister in this Policy apply to the Deputy Minister's Designate if the Deputy Minister is unavailable or unable to act for any reason.)
