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DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOG CONFINEMENT

Ohio Revised Code 955.24 (A) No owner keeper, or harborer of a vicious or dangerous dog shall fail to do any of the following.

1. While the dog is outdoors, but on the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer securely confine the dog at all times in a locked pen that has a top, locked fenced yard with fencing that is sufficiently constructed to prevent escape, or other locked enclosure that has a top.
2. While the dog is inside a residential dwelling or other building on the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer, and there is an invitee inside the dwelling or building, securely confine the dog at all times inside the dwelling or building so that there is no reasonable probability that the dog comes into contact with the invitee.
3. While the dog is off the premises of the owner, keeper, or harborer, keep that dog on a chain-link leash or tether that is not more than six feet in length and additionally do at least one of the following.
 - Keep that dog in a locked pen that has a top, locked fenced yard with fencing that is sufficiently constructed to prevent escape, or other locked enclosure that has a top.
 - Have the leash or tether controlled by a person who is suitable age and discretion or securely attach, tie or affix the leash or tether to the ground or stationary object or fixture so that the dog is adequately restrained and station such a person in close enough proximity to that dog so as to prevent it from causing injury to any person.
 - Muzzle that dog

A violation of the above offense is a fourth-degree misdemeanor on a first offense and third-degree misdemeanor on subsequent offenses.