



## Ohio Revised Code Section 5123.31 Confidentiality.

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(A) The department of developmental disabilities shall keep a record showing the name, residence, sex, age, nativity, occupation, condition, and date of entrance or commitment of every resident in the institutions governed by it, the date, cause, and terms of discharge and the condition of such person at the time of leaving, and also a record of all transfers from one institution to another, and, if such person dies while in the care or custody of the department, the date and cause of death. These and such other facts as the department requires shall be furnished by the managing officer of each institution within ten days after the commitment, entrance, death, or discharge of a resident.

Except as provided in division (C) of this section, the department shall maintain the records described in this division in its office. The department shall make the records accessible only to its employees, except by the consent of the department or the order of the judge of a court of record.

(B) In case of an accident or injury or peculiar death of an institution resident the managing officer shall make a special report to the department within twenty-four hours thereafter, giving the circumstances as fully as possible.

(C) After a period of time determined by the department, the records described in division (A) of this section may be deposited with the Ohio historical society. Neither the records nor the information contained in them shall be disclosed by the historical society, except as provided in section 5123.89 of the Revised Code.

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