

# 1 Problem

<b>What</b>	Problem(s)	Prisoner escape from hospital visit
<b>When</b>	Date	March 31, 2015
	Time	~3:00 a.m.
	Different, unusual, unique	City jail prisoner at public hospital, one of two guards went to the bathroom
<b>Where</b>	Facility, site	Alexandria, Virginia
	Unit, area, equipment	Public Hospital
	Task being performed	Treatment following a suicide attempt

## Impact to the Goals

<b>Public Safety</b>	Prisoner free for 9 hours
<b>Employee Safety</b>	Risk to guards, hospital staff
<b>Environmental</b>	N/a
<b>Regulatory</b>	?
<b>Production/ Schedule</b>	?
<b>Property/ Equipment</b>	?
<b>Labor/ Time</b>	Response, recapture, investigation

Frequency: 4 prisoner escapes across the US in 8 days

# 2 Analysis

**Basic Level Cause Map** - Start with simple Why questions.

**Basic Cause-and-Effect**

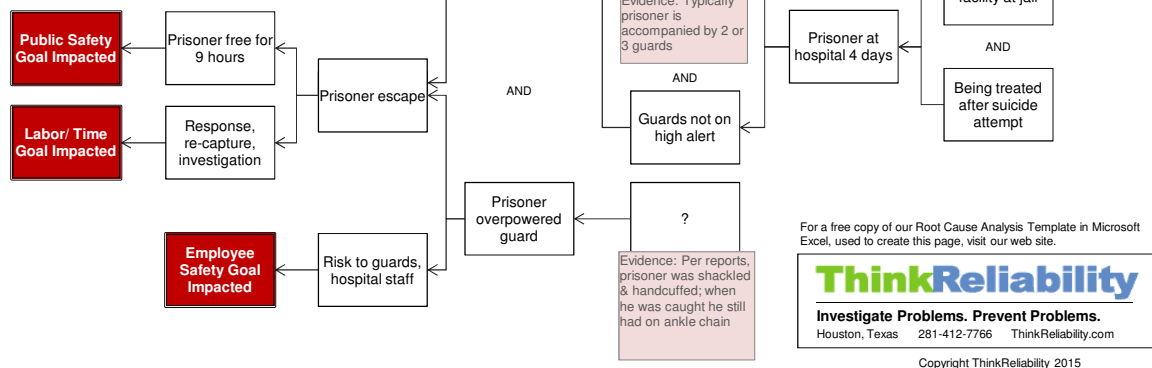
"From a safety perspective it's always good to have two people there."

- Gary Klugiewicz, consultant/trainer for law enforcement & correctional officers

# 3 Solutions

The U.S. Marshals, who had responsibility for the prisoner at the time, will be reviewing their procedures to look for opportunities for improvement. Experts suggest that enlisting hospital security to fill in, rather than leaving just one guard in place, may help. Because the secure healthcare facilities in federal jails allow so many fewer escapes, using these instead of public hospitals may reduce the risk of escape. However, there's still the problem of transporting inmates, which is another high escape potential.

## More Detailed Cause Map - Add detail as information becomes available.



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# PRISONER ESCAPES FROM HOSPITAL Cause Map

## One of four escapes in 8 days associated with medical treatment

A prisoner escape from city custody in Alexandria, Virginia on March 31, 2015 was only one of four attempted escapes in the US that week related to seeking medical care. As physical and procedural security at prisons improve, fewer prisoners are escaping from the facilities themselves. Many times, being removed for medical care provides the best opportunity for an escape attempt. Federal prisons, which provide on-site medical care, have far fewer escapes.

"Very rarely do these guys go to the hospital for treatment and all of a sudden they decide they're going to escape. What happens is, traditionally, inmates go to the hospital for treatment . . . they come back to the facility and they start telling other inmates . . . There are ways of minimizing it, but there's never a way to prevent it."

- Kevin Tamez, inmate advocacy consultant

Cause Mapping is a Root Cause Analysis method that captures basic cause-and-effect relationships supported with evidence.

**CAUSE MAPPING**

Problem Solving • Incident Investigation • Root Cause Analysis

**Step 1 Problem** - What's the Problem?

**Step 2 Analysis** - Why did it happen?

**Step 3 Solutions** - What will be done?

