



*New York State Archives*

**Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center Sudden Death, Accident,  
and Escape Reports B1584**

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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series consists of carbon copies of typed reports of sudden deaths, accidents, injuries, escapes, and returns from escapes. The printed form of the report varies over time but typically includes date of report; name of patient; identification number; date of admission; ward number; mental diagnosis; age; and physician's signature. Escape reports include a narrative description of how the escape was accomplished and the law enforcement officials notified.
<b>Creator:</b>	Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center
<b>Title:</b>	Sudden death, accident, and escape reports
<b>Quantity:</b>	0.9 cubic feet
<b>Inclusive Date:</b>	1919-1986
<b>Bulk Date:</b>	(bulk 1919-1940, 1982-1986)
<b>Series:</b>	B1584

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## Arrangement

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B1584-97: Chronological.

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## Scope and Content Note

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B1584-97: This series consists of carbon copies of typed reports of sudden deaths, accidents, injuries, escapes, and returns from escapes. Only a few reports are present for years 1919-1931. The printed form of the report varies over time but typically includes date of report; name of patient; identification number; date of admission; ward number; mental diagnosis; age; and physician's signature (usually blank). The narrative of the report typically includes physical condition and patient behavior; hour and date of incident; time when patient was examined by physician; physician's findings; cause of accident, with names of persons responsible;

disciplinary measures taken; names of witnesses; treatment; and names of relatives, friends, or committee who have been notified.

Escape reports include a narrative description of how the escape was accomplished and the law enforcement officials notified. Return from escape reports indicate how the patient was located and apprehended, physical condition on return, and the whereabouts and activities while at large, if known.

B1584-98: This accretion contains approximately 30 incident reports. Besides reports of sudden deaths, accidents, and escapes, this accretion includes complaints of patients describing injury, abuse, negligence of staff, and other grievances; and reports of articles lost, missing, or stolen. Also included are statements by staff involved in incidents; reports of violations of hospital policy, Office of Mental Mygiene Policy, and Mental Health Law; forms and narratives reporting deaths to the Commission on Quality of Care; statements by physicians; psychological reports and histories; and copies of reprimands placed in staff personnel files.

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## Other Finding Aids

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### Available at Repository

B1584-97: Folder list is available at the repository.

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

Restricted in accordance with Mental Hygiene Law, Section 33.13, relating to confidentiality of clinical records. Access is permitted under certain conditions upon approval by the Office of Mental Health..

## Administrative Information

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### Acquisition Information

B1584-97: These records were transferred to the State Archives on May 28, 1997 from Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center under RDA 19266.

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## Access Terms

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- Oneida County (N.Y.)
- Administering psychiatric hospitals
- Accident reports
- Accidents--New York (State)
- Death records
- Reporting deaths
- New York (State)
- Mental health facilities--New York (State)
- Reports
- Utica (N.Y.)
- Psychiatric hospital patients--New York (State)
- Escapes--New York (State)
- New York (State). Office of Mental Health
- New York (State). Department of Mental Hygiene