

**§12255. Tending traps****1. Failure to visit traps.** A person shall:

## A. While trapping in an organized or incorporated place:

- (1) Check each trap, except killer-type traps or drowning sets, at least once in every calendar day; and
- (2) Check each killer-type trap or drowning set at least once in every 3 calendar days, except that a drowning set placed within 1/2 mile of a city, town or village center must be checked at least once in every calendar day; and [PL 2015, c. 301, §32 (AMD).]

## B. While trapping in an unorganized place:

- (1) Check each trap, except killer-type traps and drowning sets, at least once in every calendar day; and
- (2) Check each killer-type trap or drowning set at least once in every 5 calendar days. [PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §217 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

This subsection does not apply to under-ice drowning sets for beaver and muskrat. For the purposes of this subsection, "check" means to visit or cause to be visited.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.  
[PL 2015, c. 301, §32 (AMD).]

**2. Failure to remove animal from trap.** A person shall remove or cause to be removed from that person's trap an animal found caught in that trap.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.  
[PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §217 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

**3. Carrying a firearm while trapping.** Notwithstanding section 11205, subsection 1, paragraph A and section 11206, subsection 1, paragraph A, a person who holds a valid trapping license may carry a firearm at any time during the open trapping season for the sole purpose of dispatching trapped animals unless that person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under Title 15, section 393, subsection 1 and has not obtained a valid permit in accordance with Title 15, section 393, subsection 2.

[RR 2011, c. 1, §18 (COR).]

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