



CORRECTIONAL PEACE OFFICER
STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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APPLICATION OF RESTRAINT GEAR

STANDARD

Correctional Peace Officers shall be knowledgeable and proficient regarding their division approved policies and procedures for the safe application of various types of restraint gear and retention devices.

COMPONENTS

The components of this standard are as follows:

1. Application of restraint gear – The Correctional Peace Officer shall be knowledgeable and proficient in their ability to apply and remove restraint gear to both a passive and resistive subject and make the determination as to when force is being applied during the process, as well as associated documentation.
 - a. Correctional Peace Officers will be trained in the application of mechanical restraints on inmates with physical disabilities.
2. Problem solving and decision-making –The Correctional Peace Officer shall be knowledgeable and proficient in analyzing situations and recognizing non-verbal cues to determine the appropriate course of action during the application of restraint gear.
3. Officer safety – The Correctional Peace Officer shall demonstrate situational and tactical awareness and appropriate response.
4. Communication – The Correctional Peace Officer shall use verbal and non-verbal skills to provide appropriate instruction to each incarcerated person, youth, parolee, and/or suspect. Additionally, the Correctional Peace Officer shall be proficient in documenting any use of force.
5. Ethics – The Correctional Peace Officer shall abide by the code of ethics and accepted principles of conduct that govern decisions and actions based on professional values and expectations.

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6. Stress Tolerance and Emotional Regulation – The Correctional Peace Officer shall maintain self-control and make timely, rational decisions in the application of restraint gear.
7. Restricted Access Points – The Correctional Peace Officer assigned to an institution or facility will learn the application of restraint gear techniques for restricted access points (i.e. cell food ports) as well as the use of retention devices.
8. As local procedures may vary between jurisdictions, the basic academies will teach “departmental standards” techniques for restraint gear.

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code 13601 (a)(1)

California Penal Code 13601 (d)

California Penal Code 13603 (b)

BACKGROUND

The application of restraint devices (i.e., handcuffs, flexible handcuffs, waist restraints, martin chain, leg restraints, hand isolation devices, spit hood/masks, safety triangle, security box, and leather restraints) on a subject can be a difficult and potentially dangerous task for a peace officer. Correctional Peace Officers must be proficient in the use of proper methods to ensure their safety and the safety of the subjects.

REFERENCES AND CITATIONS

DOM 52050.10 Restraint Gear

DOM 52050.10.1 Restraint Gear – Handcuffs/Handcuff Keys

DOM 52050.10.2 All Restraint Gear

DOM 52050.10.3 Restraint Gear Use

DOM 52050.12 Application

DOM 86010.11 Parole Agent Arming

California Penal Code Section 832.4

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3268 & 3268.2, Use of Force & Restraining

California Correctional Health Care Services, “Application of Mechanical Restraints for Inmate-Patients with Medical Necessity for Special Cuffing” Memorandum, August 25, 2015