



# Sample Policy

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## WRAP RESTRAINT

### I. POLICY

It is the policy of the **Sample Department** to use objectively reasonable force and authority when making an arrest, preventing an escape of the offender or overcoming resistance. The **Sample Department** has approved the use of the Wrap within the guidelines provided.

### II. PURPOSE

The Wrap provides a safe and quick method of controlling and immobilizing a violent or potentially violent/combatative subject who has been detained or taken into custody. This policy is intended to familiarize Department personnel with the Wrap and procedural guidelines for its use.

### III. DESCRIPTION

The Wrap, manufactured by Safe Restraints, Inc., was designed as a temporary restraining device. Used properly it can increase officer safety and reduce risk of liability due to injuries and in-custody deaths. The Wrap immobilizes the body and restricts a subject's ability to kick or do harm to oneself and others. The Wrap minimizes the time required to secure a person safely, restrains the subject in an upright position, and has the subject prepared for transport or movement.

### IV. FIELD USE

The Wrap can be used prior to or after a violent or potentially violent/combatative subject is controlled using approved departmental methods. Like any restraint device, do not assume the Wrap is escape proof. Once applied, **THE SUBJECT SHOULD NOT BE LEFT**

## UNMONITORED.

The Wrap should be considered for use under the following situations:

- A. Whenever you anticipate possible violent/combatative behavior.
- B. To immobilize a violent/combatative subject.
- C. To limit violent/combatative subjects from causing injury to themselves or others.
- D. To prevent violent/combatative subjects from causing property damage by kicking.
- E. To restrain subjects after a chemical spray or stunning device is used.
- F. When conventional methods of restraint are not effective.
- G. In transportation of violent/combatative subjects.
- H. To assist with cell extraction of violent/combatative subjects.

Once the subject is properly restrained in the Wrap, they can be placed on their side or in a sitting position. This will increase the oxygen recovery rate and reduce the incidence of respiratory fatigue.

## V. APPLICATION

The Wrap can be applied by one person if the subject is passive, but for violent/combatative subjects, two to four people should be used. Only qualified personnel who have received training in the use of the Wrap should use this restraining device. REFER TO THE TRAINING MANUAL FOR APPLICATION GUIDELINES.

## VI. TRANSPORTATION

Movement of the subject can be accomplished in two ways depending on their cooperation. The subject can either be carried or allowed to stand and shuffle step to the destination.

1. To carry the subject, it is recommended that between 2 to 4 personnel be used depending on the size and weight of the subject. Lift the subject under the arms and the ankles. A “log lift” carrying technique may be used when moving the subject. **Proper lifting techniques should be followed to prevent unnecessary injury. (See illustration Figure 10 in the Application Manual).**
2. As an option to lifting, the subject may be moved by means of a shuffle. If the subject has calmed down and is cooperative, the two lower Wrap leg bands can be loosened to allow some leg movement below the knees without compromising security or safety concerns. By loosening the tether to the shoulder harness, the subject can be brought to a standing position with the help of officers and then allowed to shuffle to or from a vehicle or holding cell. **If**

**this method is used, appropriate support must be given to the subject to prevent possible injury.**

Prior to vehicle transportation, re-check all belts to ensure that they are securely fastened. **The use of a seat belt is recommended to limit movement and reduce the risk of injury to the subject.** If needed, consider having a person ride as an observer with the subject to ensure all straps remain tight and the subject has no medical problems. Re-checking the security of the Wrap and keeping the subject under constant observation should apply to any movement of the subject.

## **VII. PRECAUTIONS**

- A. The shoulder harness should never be tightened to the point that it interferes with the subject's ability to breathe.**
- B. The leg bands and shoulder harness must be checked frequently for tightness and re-tightened or loosened as necessary until the Wrap is removed.**
- C. If the restrained subject complains of or show signs of breathing distress (shortness of breath, sudden calmness, a change in facial color, etc.), medical attention should be provided immediately.**
- D. THE SUBJECT SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNMONITORED.**
- E. Subjects should be placed in an upright sitting position or on their side as soon as possible to allow for respiratory recovery.**
- F. The Wrap is a TEMPORARY RESTRAINING DEVICE and is not ESCAPE-PROOF.**
- G. The Wrap is to be used by "trained personnel only".**

## **VIII. TRAINING**

Only qualified personnel who have successfully completed the Department's training in the use of the Wrap should use this restraining device.

## **IX. CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

The Wrap should be inspected after each use for signs of wear or damage. If any damage is discovered, forward the Wrap to appropriate personnel for repair or replacement.

If cleaning is necessary after use, use a mild soapy solution or disinfectant approved for use on vinyl and nylon materials. Thoroughly rinse all disinfectant from the unit prior to drying. After cleaning the Wrap, allow it to thoroughly air dry before being returned to its carrying bag. **You may choose to have the Wrap sanitized through a local crime scene cleaning service.**

**If any part of the Wrap cannot be cleaned, replacement of that part should be considered.**

## **X. STORAGE AND PREPARATION FOR RE-USE**

To prepare the Wrap for storage and immediate use:

1. Place the body of the Wrap on a flat surface with the leg bands on top (outside facing upward). Have the harness detached from the Wrap. Extend all three leg buckles. This prepares for the next application and saves time.
2. Fold the leg bands in alignment with the bands located on the outside body of the Wrap.
3. Be sure the "D" rings (carabineers) are unlocked and ready for use.
4. With the bands folded in place, roll up the Wrap tightly (bands on inside) and secure with the ankle strap. Now place the Wrap into the Wrap bag. You will get a tighter roll if you roll from the buckle side.
5. Lastly fold the harness together in a compact manner, making sure the buckles are fully extended and undone. Place the harness into the pouch sewn inside the bag. This separates it from the Wrap to avoid confusion.

Now you are ready for the next time the Wrap is needed.

REMEMBER, like all tools of the trade, training is essential and the Wrap must be kept in good condition. It is also critical to have the Wrap available for use when needed to minimize the time the subject is restrained in a prone position.

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