

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GENERAL ORDER**

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WRAP RESTRAINT

POLICY

When a Deputy deems it reasonable to restrain a violent or potentially violent person during the course of an arrest and/or transportation, only a Department authorized restraint device will be used and only in the manner approved for such use. The Marin County Sheriff's Office has approved the use of the WRAP within the guidelines provided.

DEFINITIONS

WRAP: The WRAP, manufactured by Safe Restraints, Inc., was designed as a temporary restraining device. The WRAP immobilizes the body and restricts a subject's ability to kick or do harm to oneself and others.

PROCEDURE

The WRAP can be used prior to or after a violent or potentially violent/combatative subject is controlled using approved departmental methods. Once applied, **THE SUBJECT SHALL NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.**

When the WRAP is applied in a custodial setting, all Custody Division policies pertaining to **Use of Restraints** will be in effect.

Once the subject is properly restrained in the WRAP, they can be placed on their side or in a sitting position.

The following guidelines shall be used when applying the WRAP Restraint:

- When practical, deputies should notify the Communication Center of the intent to apply the WRAP restraint.
- A supervisor shall be notified as soon as practical after the application of the WRAP restraint.
- Absent a medical emergency, the subject being restrained shall remain restrained until arrival at the jail, or other facility or the subject no longer poses a threat.
- A deputy shall monitor the restrained suspect.
- The deputy shall watch for signs of labored breathing and seek medical attention when needed.

APPLICATION

The WRAP is designed to prevent injury to the subject in custody or another person, or to prevent property damage caused by the suspect using their legs in a manner likely to result in injury or damage. It is recommended that three or more people should be used to apply the WRAP to a violent or combative subject but a minimum of two can safely and securely apply the WRAP. Only qualified personnel who have received training in the use of the WRAP should use this restraining device.

TRANSPORTING RESTRAINED SUSPECTS

When transporting a suspect who has been restrained, deputies shall observe the following procedures:

- Prior to vehicle transportation, re-check all belts to ensure that they are securely fastened.
- Suspects shall be seated in an upright position and should be secured by a seatbelt when doing so would not compromise officer safety. When the suspect cannot be transported in a seated position he/she shall be taken by ambulance/paramedic unit.
- When taken by ambulance/paramedic unit, a deputy shall accompany or follow the suspect.
- In all cases of suspected Excited Delirium subjects shall be transported by ambulance to the hospital and a deputy shall accompany the suspect.

PRECAUTIONS

- **The shoulder harness should never be tightened to the point that it interferes with the subject's ability to breathe.**
- 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.
- **THE SUBJECT SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED.**
- Subjects should be placed in an upright sitting position or on their side as soon as possible to allow for respiratory recovery.
- The WRAP is to be used by "trained personnel only".

DOCUMENTATION

Anytime the WRAP is used, the circumstances requiring the use shall be documented in the deputies' report. The deputy should include the following in the report:

- The amount of time the suspect was restrained.
- How the suspect was transported and the position of the suspect.
- Observations of the suspect's physical actions and any other reasons justifying use of the WRAP.
- Any known or suspected drug use or other medical problems.

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. If blood is absorbed into any part of the Wrap that part should be replaced. 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.

STORAGE AND PREPARATION FOR RE-USE

It is important that the WRAP is immediately ready for use and prepared for storage in a way that prevents the loop fastening material on the bands from becoming dirty or entangled. This allows the WRAP to be quickly laid out next to the subject and applied without the confusion of having to untangle the bands. To properly prepare the WRAP for storage in the carrying bag;

1. Lay the WRAP on a flat surface with the leg band side up and detach the shoulder harness. Extend each of the leg bands out flat.
2. Individually fold each of the leg bands back onto itself so that the fold of the band protrudes an inch or two from the edge of the WRAP body.
3. Be sure the retaining "D" ring on the body of the WRAP and harness is open and ready for use.
4. Keeping the bands inside, roll the WRAP tightly towards the buckle and secure with the ankle strap and place in carrying bag.

5. Fully extend the harness buckles and tether. Attach buckles to its counterpart and roll the harness up and place it in the carrying bag compartment.

ATTACHMENTS: The Wrap Application Steps Manual

RELATED STANDARDS:

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

All

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APPLICATION STEPS

Note: Only persons who have been trained in the safe and proper application of The Wrap should be allowed to deploy the system for field use.

All steps illustrate a three-person application. Instructions for a two or four person application are later discussed.

STEP ONE:



Prior to application of The Wrap, both the upper and lower body of the subject must be controlled.

It is strongly recommended that the subject be prone, faced down with the hands cuffed behind the subject's back. You must minimize the time subject is restrained face down to reduce the risks associated with respiratory fatigue.

(Figure 1)



Figure 1



Figure 2

STEP TWO:



Cross the subject's ankles. Apply the ankle strap around the crossed ankles. (Make sure the black Velcro is facing out.)

(The ankle strap should be applied. The strap's purpose is two-fold; it is the first step in leg control, and once The Wrap is applied it limits the subject's leg movement in The Wrap.)

Tactical Tip:

The ankle strap incorporates a carry handle. Try to position the handle upwards to aid in moving the subject.

STEP THREE:



While maintaining control of the subject's upper and lower body, slide The Wrap under the subject's legs, placing the knees on the markings labeled "KNEES HERE". (Figure 3)



Figure 3

Proper Subject Placement

Tactical Tip: If possible, try to deploy The Wrap from the subject's right side. This positions the three bands for easy access. (Figure 4)



Figure 4

STEP FOUR:



While maintaining control of the subject, secure the bands tightly starting with the band closest to the feet, moving upwards towards the subject's waist until all three bands are secure. (Figure 5)



Figure 5

STEP FIVE:



While maintaining control of the subject, place harness on subject's back and attach the carabiner on the harness (located just below the word BACK) to the handcuffs and lock the carabiner.. (Figure 6)

Tactical Tip: Do not put on the harness until the handcuffs are locked into the carabiner.

Roll the subject over and into an upright-seated position.



Figure 6

STEP SIX:



While maintaining control of the subject, place the harness over the subject's head, pull the straps under the arms, around the torso, then secure the two locking buckles, pull both straps snug. Do not over-tighten. This can be done with the subject lying on his or her side or in a seated position. The release latches for the two locking buckles are enclosed. Each lock is accessible through an eyelet 1/4 in diameter. This prevents the subject from unlocking the harness. Personnel can release the locks by inserting a cuff key or narrow object such as a ball point pen into the eyelet and pressing down against the latch. (Figure 7)



Figure 7

STEP SEVEN:



While maintaining control of the subject, attach the tether lead of the harness to the carabiner on the body of The Wrap (located below the first band). Twist the lock until snug. The carabiner is now locked. (Figure 8)

Note: When applied properly, the harness will not impact the subject's ability to breathe.



Figure 8

STEP EIGHT:



While maintaining control of the subject, pull the tether strap until the subject is held fully upright by the shoulder harness system. (Do not over-tighten). The subject is now fully restrained in The Wrap and ready to be moved or transported. (Figure 9)



Figure 9

Transport:

To move or transport the wrapped subject, two people should lift the subject under the arms. The third person lifts the legs using the handle on the ankle strap, or if the handle is not in an upright position, the third person can simply carry the legs in a log-carry position.



Application Variations:

The Wrap can be applied by two people. Additional personnel may be needed depending on the amount of resistance encountered.

Two-person application:

Two-person application differs from three-person only in regard to control duties. After the subject is handcuffed, one person maintains control over the lower body while the other person applies The Wrap.

Four-person application:

Normally one person controls the upper body and one person controls the legs while the other two apply The Wrap, one on each side of the subject's legs.

(These tactics are suggestions only and may vary due to the resistance encountered or your agency's policy.)

Remember to monitor the subject. Please review all warnings listed in the front of this manual. If you have questions, please call us at 1-800-WRAP 911.

Removing The Wrap:

Basically reverse the application procedure.

It may be necessary to ease the tension of the tether strap to disconnect from the caribiner on the Wrap. (The strap that connects the harness to the leg wrap) This can be accomplished by leaning the subject forward and either loosen the tether's ring or simply disconnect the ring from the caribiner.

Cleaning: Clean with soap and water. A small amount of bleach may be added. Air dry. It may be necessary to have the Wrap sanitized through a local crime scene cleaning service. If this procedure does not prove satisfactory, replacement should be considered.



1-800-WRAP911