



Section 4/600 ♦ Processing Prisoners		
4 / 604	Restraining Devices	11/28/94 Rev 8/15/02
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**4 / 604.05 USE OF HANDCUFFS**

Officers will handcuff prisoners during transport except in special or unusual circumstances. Prisoners will normally be handcuffed with their hands behind the back. Whenever circumstances prevent handcuffing behind the back, the officer may handcuff with hands in front and handcuff chain through the prisoner’s belt after the belt has been reversed. Handcuffs should be double locked upon application.

Officers may exercise discretion as to the application of handcuffs when transporting handicapped, injured, mentally ill, or extremely elderly / young persons. Officer shall ensure all safety concerns have been resolved when electing not to apply handcuffs to the aforementioned types of prisoners.

Prisoners will be seat belted when transported in a cruiser and will not be secured to a transport vehicle by any means other than a LR-2 leg restraint with the loose end secured in a closed door.

**4 / 605.10 USE OF LEG IRONS**

Officers assigned to uniform patrol are issued departmental leg irons to supplement their ability to restrain and control a violent suspect, or control an escape risk. The use of leg irons is also recommended when transporting multiple prisoners. When used, the leg irons will be double locked and shall not be attached to any part of the vehicle. At no time will a “hobble” be attached to leg irons and handcuffs to “hog-tie” a violent suspect. This procedure has been linked to positional asphyxiation and is strictly prohibited.

**4 / 604.15 USE OF FLEX CUFFS**

Officers assigned to uniform patrol are issued a set (2) of flex cuffs that are manufactured specifically for law enforcement use. These restraints should only be used after the supply of standard handcuffs and/or leg irons is exhausted (i.e. mass arrests, service of narcotics search and seizure warrants, etc.) Each Patrol Sergeant is supplied with an approved restraint-cutting device. This device will be readily available to officers to remove the flex cuffs. The use of any other tool such as a knife or razor is prohibited.

**4 / 604.20 USE OF LR-2 LEG RESTRAINT**

Officers assigned to uniform patrol are issued a LR-2 leg restraint. This restraint is fitted around an arrested person’s upper legs immediately above the kneecaps. The loose end of the restraint is placed in the doorjamb/rocker panel and the door is closed on the loose end effectively immobilizing the suspect’s legs during transport. This restraint may be used in conjunction with leg irons, or by itself to immobilize the suspect’s legs to prevent assault, or attempted escape. This restraint *will not* be applied to any other part of the body. This restraint shall be used in strict compliance with the instructions supplied with each LR-2 and the training provided.

**4 / 604.25 USE OF TRANSPORT HOOD**

Officers assigned to uniform patrol are issued a disposable transport hood. The only transport hood approved for use is the hood provided by the Department. The hood’s characteristics provide a mesh area on the top half of the hood that allows the suspect to see, and the lower half is opaque to contain spit, blood, and mucus. The hood is to be placed on the suspect according to the training provided. The transport hood is disposable and may be used only once then disposed of in the biohazard receptacle. The hood should be used when a suspect has been contaminated with OC pepper spray and the suspect’s mucous membranes are secreting mucous which could contaminate others. The hood may also be used when a suspect is spitting at officers, especially if the suspect is bleeding from the mouth.

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