



City of Racine Police Department  
**Policy and Procedure**

**Number: 606**

Subject: <b>Use of Restraints</b>		
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## POLICY

Any member determining a need to use restraints may utilize them at any point in the Intervention Options for temporary mechanical control. No prisoner shall be transported without the use of restraints. No person will be left on their stomach after control has been established and restraints applied in order to reduce the potential for great bodily harm or death in custody. Those persons placed in restraints shall be monitored for their health and wellbeing.

## PROCEDURE

### MEMBER

1. Once control has been established, apply the restraint type, or combination of restraints, that is most appropriate from the available options:
  - a. Handcuffs
  - b. Hobble
  - c. Arm and ankle restraint
  - d. Belly chains
  - e. Flex cuffs
2. Handcuffs and flex cuffs will be applied tactically behind the back except in emergency situations.
3. Cuffing in front should only take place in an emergency situation or long distance transports of compliant prisoners, and then, only when used in conjunction with another form of restraint such as belly chains or hobble straps. The physical condition or disability of a suspect may necessitate some deviation in the placement or use of handcuffs.
4. When the hobble strap is applied to a person's ankles, that person should be placed in a sitting position immediately – If control has not been established and it is not practical to place the hobbled person in the seated position, place the person on their side until they are controlled and then place in a seated position.
5. Flex cuffs will only be used as a last resort (in emergencies or situations where there are more suspects than handcuffs).

### NOTE

Specific and articulable facts must support the use of handcuffs during temporary detention. There must be something about the suspect (such as possession of weapons or sudden movements) to justify the use of handcuffs. Temporary detention with handcuffs cannot be based only upon other officers belief the individual was involved in an earlier crime (State v. Pickens, 2008AP1514).

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