



APPLICATION OF RESTRAINT GEAR STANDARD GS006

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code 13601(a)(1): The CPOST shall develop, approve, and monitor standards for the selection and training of state correctional peace officer apprentices.

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.

STANDARD

Correctional Peace Officers shall be knowledgeable and proficient of their Division approved policies and procedures for the safe applications of the various types of restraint gear and retention devices (e.g. safety triangle).

COMPONENTS OF STANDARD

1. Application of Restraint Gear – The Correctional Peace Officer shall be knowledgeable and proficient in the 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. Correctional Peace Officers will be trained in the application of mechanical restraints on inmates with physical disabilities.
2. Problem Solving/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, inmate, youth, parolee, and/or suspect. The Correctional Peace Officer shall document 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.
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.

CITATIONS

- 1) DOM 52050.10 Restraint Gear
- 2) DOM 52050.10.1 Restraint Gear – Handcuffs/Handcuff Keys
- 3) DOM 52050.10.2 All Restraint Gear
- 4) DOM 52050.10.3 Restraint Gear Use
- 5) DOM 52050.12 Application
- 6) DOM 86010.11 Parole Agent Arming
- 7) California Law, Penal Code, Section 832.4
- 8) California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3268 & 3268.2, Use of Force, Restraining
- 9) California Correctional Health Care Services “Application of Mechanical Restraints for Inmate-Patients with Medical Necessity for Special Cuffing” Memorandum August 25, 2015