



KERN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Policies And Procedures

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I. Policy

The Wrap is a restraint device that provides a safe and quick method to be used on subjects who display behavior that results in the destruction of property or reveals an intent to cause physical harm to self or others. Physical restraints should be utilized only when it appears less restrictive alternatives would be ineffective in controlling the disorderly behaviors. The Wrap shall not be used as a form of discipline or as a substitute for treatment. Sworn staff utilizing The Wrap shall be trained in the proper use of the device by a certified Wrap Instructor prior to use. Untrained staff are not authorized to use The Wrap.

II. General Information

- A. The Wrap is a restraint device which immobilizes extremities and/or prevents subjects from being ambulatory.
- B. The following items may be utilized with The Wrap:
 1. Handcuffs
 2. Protective Helmet
 3. Shoulder Harness
 4. Leg Restraint
 5. Ankle Strap
 6. Transport Cart

III. Procedures for Restrained Subjects

- A. Custody staff will refer to section 1640 Use of Physical Restraints (Title 15, Article 5, Section 1358) for specific procedures that includes lead staff responsibilities, Duty Supervisor responsibilities, reporting and documentation. Custody staff will adhere to medical and mental health reporting and documentation requirements.
- B. Subjects shall only be placed in The Wrap with approval of a Probation Supervisor/Duty Supervisor, or designee, absent exigent circumstances.
- C. Only trained staff shall apply and remove The Wrap. Staff shall always thoroughly search subjects, and double-lock and inspect handcuffs to reduce the risk of injury.
- D. A spit mask may be used when appropriate to prevent spitting and biting.

- E. One staff shall be designated as the Safety Officer during each application. The Safety Officer will be responsible for monitoring the well-being of the subject and will seek assistance if the subject is in distress.
- F. A safety helmet should be utilized, when possible, to protect subjects from intentionally attempting to harm themselves.
- G. Subjects may be placed in The Wrap with their hands handcuffed behind their back or handcuffed to the front of The Wrap.

IV. Medical Considerations

- A. Prior to booking, medical clearance shall be obtained for any subject who has sustained visible injuries, expressed a complaint of an injury or continuing pain, or who has been rendered unconscious.
- B. Subjects who exhibit extreme agitation, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond physical characteristics and imperviousness to pain may be at an increased risk of sudden death and shall be examined by qualified medical personnel as soon as practical. Any subject exhibiting signs of distress after such an encounter shall be medically cleared prior to booking.

V. Transporting The Wrap Restrained Subjects

- A. Whether in the field or in a custody setting, subjects will need to be lifted off the ground and placed into an EMS vehicle, patrol vehicle or moved from one location to the next.
- B. The Wrap restrained subjects may be transported in a patrol unit. Subjects shall be seated in an upright position and secured by a seat belt.
- C. When subjects are transported by ambulance/paramedic unit, they shall be accompanied by a sworn Probation Department staff.
- D. If The Wrap restraint device is removed prior to entry to the booking area (Jail/Youth Detention Center), officers shall inform the facility staff the subject was placed in The Wrap restraint device upon arrival to the facility.

VI. Documentation

- A. Each time The Wrap restraint device is utilized, the circumstances shall be documented. The following information shall be documented in the report:
 - 1. Totality of circumstances and chain of events leading up to the use of The Wrap and the use of specific items associated with its use.
 - 2. The name of the supervisor of designee giving authorization for use.
 - 3. The time The Wrap restraint device was applied and the time it was removed.
 - 4. The names of officers who assisted in the application of The Wrap restraint device.

5. How the subject was transported and the position of the subject during the transportation.
 6. Observations of the behaviors and actions of the subject while in The Wrap.
 7. Any known or suspected drug use or other known medical problems.
- B. Custody staff will refer to section 1640 Use of Physical Restraints (Title 15, Article 5, Section 1358) for specific procedures that include reporting and documentation.