

RESTRAINTS

STANDARD NO(S):

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REFER TO:

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To ensure the safety and well being of all persons associated with or affected by any facility operation.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Seneca County Correctional Facility to properly use restraint devices when necessary to ensure the safety of staff, the public and inmates.

III. DETAILS:

A. Restraint Devices

1. Handcuffs/Flex-cuffs
2. Leg Irons
3. Waist chains and handcuffs, with or without black box
4. Humane wrap
5. Emergency Restraint Chair

B. Use of Restraints

1. Restraints will be used within the facility for the following:
 - a. When an inmate places themselves, other inmates, officers, support staff, visitors or facility property in danger.
 - b. When conducting a cell extraction.
 - c. When removing an inmate from a program area or area other than that of their cell.
 - d. When transporting non-compliant inmates throughout the facility.
 - e. When transporting an inmate out of the secure area of the facility.
 - f. When ordered as part of the health care treatment of an inmate by facility medical staff.

NOTE: Leg irons and waist chains or single handcuffs will be utilized together at all times regardless of the inmate's classification status. No inmates will leave the secure area of the facility without both of the devices having been applied, unless transporting a pregnant female.

2. Restraints are to remain on at all times when outside of the facility unless a request for removal is made by a judge, justice or medical personnel treating the inmate.
3. Restraints should always be double locked to prevent the devices from tightening or causing injury.

C. Restrictions

1. Restraint devices will:
 - a. Never be used by officers as a form of punishment.
 - b. Be used in a cell or housing unit only when authorized by the Shift Supervisor or other ranking officer.
 - c. Not be used to inflict injury or disability.
 - d. Not be used any longer than necessary.
 - e. Generally, as part of health care treatment, not exceeding twenty-four (24) hours in length.

D. Documentation

1. If physical force is used when applying restraints, an incident report will be completed as outlined in the policy entitled "Incident Reports".
2. If restraints are ordered as part of a health care treatment, medical staff will perform fifteen (15) minute checks on the restrained inmate and document all findings.

E. Authorization

1. Only those officers trained in the use of restraint devices will be authorized to apply and/or carry them. The Training Coordinator will maintain a current list of authorized officers.