

**POLICY
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Eugene Police Department



Flexible Restraint Device (FRD)

806.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The proper use and application of a leg restraint device can reduce the potential of injury and damage to property when dealing with violent or potentially violent subjects. This policy provides guidelines for the proper use of these devices.

806.2 POLICY

When an officer encounters circumstances where it is reasonably necessary to restrain the legs to prevent escape or restrain a violent or potentially violent subject during the course of a detention, arrest, and/or transportation, only department-issued flexible restraint devices shall be used in the department-approved manner for temporary immobilization of the legs.

806.3 APPROVED USE AND APPLICATION

Only officers trained in the use of the Flexible Restraint Device are authorized to employ it on any subject. The FRD shall only be applied *after* a subject has been placed into handcuffs.

In determining whether or not to employ an FRD, officers should consider the following:

- (1) If the officer, or others are at risk of injury due to the assaultive behavior of a violent, resisting, and/or attacking subject.
- (2) If it is objectively reasonable to protect the subject from his or her own actions (for example: hitting his head against the interior of a patrol car, or running into traffic).

For instructions and photographic illustrations on approved FRD application methods, see the Eugene Police Department Defensive Tactics Manual.

806.4 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- (a) Officers should make every reasonable attempt to limit the amount of time a subject who has been placed in an FRD is in a face-down, prone position.
- (b) Officers should only use the FRD for the shortest period of time necessary to avoid injury to officers or the suspect, or damage to property.
- (c) Officers should continually monitor a subject in an FRD for labored breathing, and where practicable take whatever appropriate steps to relieve obvious factors contributing to this condition.

- (d) An officer who suspects that a subject is experiencing excited delirium while in an FRD must recognize that this is a medical emergency and summon emergency medical assistance immediately. Officers shall monitor the subject for symptoms of excited delirium and if an officer recognizes signs or symptoms shall have the subject medically cleared prior to booking or release.

806.5 REPORTING USE OF A FRD

If an officer employs an FRD in the detention or arrest of a subject, that officer must document why the FRD was employed and how long the subject remained in the FRD.