

In accordance with state law, a BPD officer may not use a “chokehold” or “neck restraint” on another person in the course of his or her duties as a police officer.

“Chokehold” means the intentional application of direct pressure to a person's trachea or windpipe for the purpose of restricting another person's airway.

“Neck Restraint” refers to any vascular neck restraint or similar restraint, hold or other tactic in which pressure is applied to the neck for the purpose of constricting blood flow.

All neck restraints and chokeholds are prohibited. Pursuant to Title 10 RCW, an officer may not use any force tactics prohibited by applicable departmental policy or otherwise by state law, except to protect the officer's life or the life of another person from an imminent threat (E2SHB 1310.SL).