



Charleston County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures Manual

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WRAP Restraint Device

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SC Minimum Standards:	SC Min. 1067

This policy dated 1/28/2025 replaces prior policies cited above and supersedes all previously issued directives.

I. Purpose:

To provide the Charleston County Sheriff's Office with guidance regarding the use of the WRAP Restraint Device.

II. Policy:

The WRAP Restraint Device may be used in situations where an inmate is exhibiting uncontrollable or violent behavior. The Housing/Processing Lieutenant, or a duty supervisor, must authorize the use of this device. Inmates will not be restrained any longer than required to ensure the safety of the inmate, or others. Under no circumstances will the WRAP be used as punishment.

(Ref: SC Min. 1067; 5-ADLF-2B-02, 03)

III. Definitions:

- A. For purposes of this procedure, the word "deputy" applies to all agency employees with a certification classification of Class I, Class II, Class III, or Reserve Deputy, as defined by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

The following terms are used interchangeably; however, they carry guidance to specific employees based on usage of the term:

1. Deputy, deputies, deputy sheriff, detention deputy, sworn employee, uniformed sworn employee, sworn administrative employee, and
 2. civilian, non-sworn employee.
- B. *Employee*: When used without further clarification, the term employee is inclusive of all agency members (sworn and non-sworn).
- C. *WRAP Safety Restraint*: A temporary restraining device that immobilizes the body and restricts an inmate's ability to do harm to oneself or others. The device minimizes the time required to secure a person safely and restrains the subject in an upright position. The Wrap Safety Restraint will also be referred to as the WRAP.
- D. *WRAP Cart*: A portable device used jointly with the WRAP Safety Restraint to restrict and immobilize an inmate's ability to do harm to oneself or others as well as transport the inmate to a secured location.

IV. Procedure:

A. Application and Use:

1. All incidents involving the WRAP must be video recorded.
(Ref: 5-ALDF-2B-05)
2. A supervisor shall be present while an inmate is being placed in the WRAP, absent exigent circumstances.
3. The WRAP itself is not considered a use of force. The force technique applied to place the inmate in the WRAP is the force.

Note: Only deputies who have completed the WRAP equipment safety restraint instructor course are authorized to conduct hands-on training for deputies in the use of the WRAP. Once deputies have completed the hands-on training class, they are authorized to place inmates in the WRAP under the guidance of this policy.

4. The WRAP may be used for the following reasons:
 - a. Possible violent or combative behavior.
 - b. To immobilize a violent or combative inmate from causing injury to themselves or others; to include any self-harm actions.
 - c. To limit violent or combative inmates from causing property damage.
 - d. When conventional methods of restraint are not effective.
 - e. In transportation of any high-risk inmates.
 - f. To assist with cell extraction of violent or combative inmates.
 - g. The WRAP may be used for security/behavior modification purposes if a supervisor believes it is necessary to control an assaultive, violent, or destructive inmate. In this case, the supervisor will follow all procedures for the use of force and restraint. The supervisor will notify the Housing/Processing Lieutenant.
5. Inmates may be placed in the WRAP with their hands handcuffed behind their back or with the inmate's arms handcuffed to the front of the WRAP.

- a. If it becomes necessary to hold the inmate handcuffed behind the back for more than one hour, the handcuffs shall be safely transitioned to the front.
 - b. If this is not feasible, the reason should be noted on the *Observation Log (SACDC form-339)*.
- B. The WRAP will be inspected at the beginning of every shift and cleaned after each use. It is the responsibility of the supervisor assigned to the area where the WRAP is located to ensure the equipment is maintained.
- C. Staff must complete a Use of Force Report (*SACDC form-352*) when placing a noncompliant inmate in the WRAP by utilizing a force technique. An Incident Report must be completed anytime an inmate is placed in the WRAP; the Use of Force Report is only when applicable. All decisions and actions as to why the inmate was placed in the WRAP will be included. A supervisor will review the report, the video of the incident, along with any supplemental reports. (Ref: 5-ALDF-2B-11)
 1. The supervisor on scene will:
 - a. Immediately notify the Housing/Processing Lieutenant and health care staff to assess the inmate's medical/mental health condition.
 - b. Notify health care staff so they may advise on the basis of danger to self or others, whether the inmate should be placed in a medical/mental health unit for emergency involuntary treatment. (Ref: SC Min. 1067; 5-ALDF-2B-03, 5-ALDF-4D-21)
 - c. Observe the placement of the inmate in the WRAP and contact central control to record the entire restraining process.

Note: When an inmate is acting out in an aggressive, suicidal, or other disruptive manner as a result of a mental illness and the WRAP is needed, ensure the member of staff completes a *Mental Health Referral (SACDC form-348)*. This must be accomplished even if the inmate is currently in disciplinary segregation or in the Medical Unit at the time of placement.
 - d. Give directions to deputies placing the inmate in the WRAP. A minimum of two deputies are required to safely place an inmate in the WRAP and a minimum of two additional detention deputies to safely relocate or lift an inmate into the WRAP cart.

- e. Ensure that the inmate is notified of the reason for placement in the WRAP and what the inmate will need to do in order to be released from the WRAP (this notification will be documented in the Incident Report).
 - f. Ensure the *Observation Log (SACDC form-339)* is initiated for the inmate being placed in the WRAP.
2. If an inmate is actively spitting or threatening to do so, the supervisor will direct the placement of a "spit mask" on an inmate, with the cloth portion under the inmate's nose.

Note: The "spit mask" in and of itself is not considered a use of force. The force technique applied, if necessary, to place the "spit mask" on the inmate is the force.

3. An inmate in the WRAP will be examined by staff to include the shoulder harness, leg bands, and handcuffs for proper fit on a routine schedule and adjusted as needed for de-escalation, while maintaining control of the inmate.
4. Once the inmate is properly restrained in the WRAP, they can be placed on their side or in a sitting position. This will support the oxygen recovery rate and reduce the incidence of respiratory fatigue or positional asphyxia often caused by being restrained in the prone position. Ensure the inmate is not seated at more than a 90-degree angle which could restrict the diaphragm and lungs from expanding.
5. The straps on the WRAP will be checked by medical care staff to ensure that they are not too tight. When the inmate is restrained, every two hours thereafter, and anytime the inmate is allowed to stretch, and the restraints are reapplied. (Ref: 5-ALDF-2B-07)

D. While an inmate is in the WRAP, the following procedures will apply:

1. The supervisor will:
- a. ensure an *Observation Log* is correctly implemented and completed;
 - b. ensure that a member of staff completes an Incident Report for placement in the WRAP and Use of Force Report if a force technique was utilized describing the inmate's behavior that necessitated the use of the WRAP; and (Ref: 5-ALDF-2B-11)

- c. review the logs and gather information from staff to determine when the inmate shall be released from the WRAP.

Note: The goal is to remove the inmate from the WRAP as soon as possible. This will be done when the inmate shows/informs the staff of their willingness to cooperate.

2. Violent behavior may mask dangerous medical conditions. Inmates must be monitored continuously and provided medical treatment, if needed.
3. A deputy will check the inmate's physical condition at random intervals, but not exceeding every fifteen minutes, to ensure inmate safety and to record the inmate's behavior. The observations are recorded on the *Observation Log*. During this time, the Health Services Administrator or designee will review the inmate's medical file, check the WRAP straps to verify that they are not impacting circulation and assess the inmate.
(Ref: SC Min. 1067(c); 5-ALDF-2B-07)
4. Physical needs should be met promptly. Absent imminent danger to the inmate and/or staff, an inmate will not be allowed to lie or sit in their own vomit or bodily waste.
5. Every two hours inmates will be given the opportunity to stretch by loosening or repositioning the WRAP restraints. Deputies will inform the inmate they are being afforded the opportunity to stretch to ensure their health and welfare is being taken into consideration. The release from the WRAP will be audio/video recorded to ensure safety and security for all involved.
6. Inmates who are unwilling to comply with stretching within four hours of being placed in the WRAP will be relocated to another WRAP or to an Emergency Restraint Chair to ensure movement. Medical staff will be on scene to ensure the straps are not impacting circulation once the move has been accomplished. The detention deputy or deputies involved will only have to complete a use-of-force report if force techniques were required for the relocation.
7. A medical evaluation shall be requested and conducted, if possible, within the first fifteen (15) minutes and every two hours thereafter. Inmates restrained in the WRAP for a period exceeding four hours shall require a medical evaluation prior to continuation of such restraints.

- a. Medical evaluations will include a check of vital signs, circulation, and need for exercising extremities. Each medical evaluation will be documented.
 - b. A mental health evaluation shall be conducted as soon as possible but within six hours of placement in the WRAP. Inmates restrained for a period exceeding six hours shall require a mental health evaluation prior to continuance of such restraints.
8. The WRAP can be used to transport an inmate from one location to another. The inmate must be fully secured in the WRAP prior to moving. A minimum of four detention deputies are required to relocate or move utilizing the WRAP Cart. (Ref: SC Min. 1067)
9. The CDO must approve the decision if it is necessary for an inmate to remain in the WRAP for a period of time exceeding four continuous hours and every two hours thereafter. This review will be documented on the *Observation Log*. Inmates can remain restrained in the WRAP through shift changes. However, a supervisor may remove an inmate from the WRAP at any time when they believe the inmate has ceased to be a security problem or behavior modification has been accomplished.
- E. Special Considerations:
 1. Use of the WRAP will be limited to the minimum amount of time necessary to ensure control of an inmate, but not longer than two hours without providing range of motion actions or stretches for both arms and legs.
 2. The use of the WRAP is prohibited on pregnant inmates. (Ref: 5-ALDF-2B-03)
- F. The following guidelines are to be used for removing an inmate from the WRAP:
 1. The inmate will not be released from the WRAP until it has been determined by a shift supervisor and health care staff that the inmate is no longer a threat to themselves or others, and the inmate can be reasonably controlled by staff.
 2. Once an inmate is removed from the WRAP, the completed *Observation Log* will be given to the Housing Lieutenant to be forwarded to the Housing Administrative Assistant for retention.

G. Movement/Control with the WRAP Cart:

1. Movement of the inmate can be accomplished in the following ways depending on the level of cooperation from the inmate. The inmate can either be carried to the WRAP Cart, the WRAP Cart brought over to the inmate, the inmate can be lifted, and the WRAP cart slid underneath them.
2. To carry the inmate, it is recommended that four deputies be used depending on the size and weight of the inmate. Lift the inmate under the arms, and by utilizing the supplied lifting straps on the harness and ankle restraint. Place the individual in the WRAP cart by moving the Cart underneath the lifted inmate. Proper lifting techniques should be used to prevent unnecessary injury. The need to secure the inmate to the cart will depend on their compliance once in the Cart. Avoid handcuffing the inmate directly to the Cart. Connect the handle on the ankle strap and the rear security ring on the harness to secure the inmate to the cart. D Rings are provided on the rear of the cart to secure the handcuff chain and the foot of the cart to attach the ankle restraint. Use of these rings will prevent the inmate from overturning the cart by rocking. Inmates in the wrap should only be carried if they are in a location that cannot be accessed by the cart.
3. If the inmate is calm and cooperative, the lower WRAP band can be loosened to allow some leg movement below the knees without compromising security and safety concerns. By loosening the tether to the shoulder harness, the inmate can be brought to a standing position. Assistance by detention deputies will be needed to help the inmate shuffle safely to the destination needed.
4. The WRAP Cart is designed to safely hold or move a person who is restrained or unrestrained. The WRAP Cart's design focuses on the safe and secure method of both holding and moving individuals.

H. Care and Maintenance:

1. The WRAP should be inspected after each use for signs of wear or damage. If any damage is discovered, forward the WRAP to appropriate personnel for repair or replacement.
2. If cleaning is needed after usage, use mild soapy solution or disinfectant approved for use on vinyl and nylon materials. Thoroughly rinse all disinfectant from the unit prior to drying. After cleaning the WRAP, allow it to thoroughly air dry before being

returned to the carrying bag. A local “crime scene cleaner” can also be used for severely soiled equipment.

3. After use, all equipment should be properly staged in the provided bag for ease of future deployments. All straps must be returned to their proper position. This will ensure the WRAP is ready for future use.