

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Standard Operating Procedures

Policy Name: Physical Restraints

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Authority:
Commissioner

Originating Division:
Health Services Division
(Physical Health)

Access Listing:
Level I: All Access

I. Introduction and Summary:

Mechanical restraints will be used to control an offender's self-destructive or violent behavior only in emergency situations to prevent injury to self or others. Mechanical restraints will be used with clinical justification and in accordance with state law and professional standards. This policy is applicable to all facilities that house Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) offenders to include private and county prisons.

II. Authority:

A. O.C.G.A. § 37-3-165;

B. GDC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): 508.27 Time Out and Physical Restraints and 507.04.76 Incident Reporting;

C. NCCHC 2018 Adult Standard: P-G-01; and

D. ACA Standards: 5-ACI-3A-16 (ref. 4-4190), 5-ACI-3A-31 (ref. 4-4202), 5-ACI-3A-35 (ref. 4-4206, Mandatory), 5-ACI-4A-11 (ref. 4-4257) 5-ACI-4A-12 (ref. 4-4258), 5-ACI-4A-15 (ref. 4-4261), 5-ACI-6C-06 (ref. 4-4399), 5-ACI-4A-19 (ref. 4-4265), 5-ACI-6C-13 (ref. 4-4405, Mandatory), and 4-ALDF-4D-21.

III. Definitions: None.

IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedures:

GDC SOP 508.27 Time Out and Physical Restraints will be followed for the use of Physical Restraints for a mental health/medical reason.

V. Attachments: None.

VI. Record Retention of Forms Relevant to this Policy: None.