

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT: Manual Revision – 5-311 Use of <u>Prohibition on</u> Neck Restraints and Choke Holds			APPROVED BY: <i>Chief Arradondo</i>

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Introduction: This policy is being updated to prohibit neck restraints and choke holds.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-311 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

5-311 ~~USE OF~~ PROHIBITION ON NECK RESTRAINTS AND CHOKE HOLDS

(10/16/02) (08/17/07) (10/01/10) (04/16/12) (06/09/20)

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Neck Restraints and choke holds are prohibited. Instructors are prohibited from teaching the use of neck restraints or choke holds.

I. ~~DEFINITIONS~~

~~**Choke Hold:** Deadly force option. Defined as applying direct pressure on a person's trachea or airway (front of the neck), blocking or obstructing the airway. (04/16/12)~~

~~**Neck Restraint:** Non-deadly force option. Defined as compressing one or both sides of a person's neck with an arm or leg, without applying direct pressure to the trachea or airway (front of the neck). Only sworn employees who have received training from the MPD Training Unit are authorized to use neck restraints. The MPD authorizes two types of neck restraints: Conscious Neck Restraint and Unconscious Neck Restraint. (04/16/12)~~

~~**Conscious Neck Restraint:** The subject is placed in a neck restraint with intent to control, and not to render the subject unconscious, by only applying light to moderate pressure. (04/16/12)~~

~~**Unconscious Neck Restraint:** The subject is placed in a neck restraint with the intention of rendering the person unconscious by applying adequate pressure. (04/16/12)~~

H. ~~PROCEDURES/REGULATIONS~~

~~A. The Conscious Neck Restraint may be used against a subject who is actively resisting.
(04/16/12)~~

~~B. The Unconscious Neck Restraint shall only be applied in the following circumstances:
(04/16/12)~~

- ~~1. On a subject who is exhibiting active aggression, or;~~
- ~~2. For life saving purposes, or;~~
- ~~3. On a subject who is exhibiting active resistance in order to gain control of the subject;
and if lesser attempts at control have been or would likely be ineffective.~~

~~C. Neck restraints shall not be used against subjects who are passively resisting as defined by
policy. (04/16/12)~~

~~D. After Care Guidelines (04/16/12)~~

- ~~1. After a neck restraint or choke hold has been used on a subject, sworn MPD employees
shall keep them under close observation until they are released to medical or other law
enforcement personnel.~~
- ~~2. An officer who has used a neck restraint or choke hold shall inform individuals accepting
custody of the subject, that the technique was used on the subject.~~