



Contra Costa County Operations

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SOP# 221
Managing Assaultive Behavior
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A. Purpose

The purpose of this email is to provide field expectations for the use of restraints in managing combative patients. Physical or chemical restraints should only be utilized when a patient is potentially a danger to self and/or others. Restraint is not to be used on individuals refusing treatment unless they are legally or mentally incapable of providing consent (and are thus treated by implied consent) or under a police or mental health (depending upon the jurisdiction) hold.

B. Policy

1. Field employees shall follow the guidelines set forth in Contra Costa County EMS Policy #1008 when managing patients with assaultive behavior.
2. Field employees should refer to Contra Costa County EMS Treatment Guideline #A03 when considering chemical restraint for a patient.

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