

IHCC SAFETY AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT DETENTION AND HANDCUFFING POLICY

PURPOSE

To establish set procedures for officers of the IHCC Safety and Security Department in the act of detaining individuals and the use of handcuffs.

POLICY

The control and protection of person's during detentions, as well as the safety of security personnel and the general public, may require the usage of authorized restraint systems by members of the IHCC Safety and Security Department. As such, IHCC Safety and Security Department members are authorized to use handcuffs on persons being detained in accordance with this policy, the Use of Force policy, and Department training. Restraint devices shall not be used to punish, to display authority, or as a show of force.

RESTRAINT OF DETAINEES

In General

IHCC Safety and Security personnel shall not detain (including restraining) a person unless that person has committed a public offense in the presence of the IHCC officer, or unless a felony has been committed and the IHCC officer has a reasonable ground for believing that the person is the same person who committed the felony.

Under no circumstances shall an IHCC officer detain any individual for an extended period of time, and without probable cause. If IHCC officers detain an individual, the IHCC officers must immediately notify a local law enforcement agency and continue to detain that individual only until law enforcement arrives. No interrogatory questions should be asked of the detainee after this point, and no conversation should be had with the detainee. If the detainee starts making unprompted comments, the IHCC officer should note those comments in their report if relevant, but should not encourage or insinuate that the detainee keep talking. IHCC officers should respond to any inquiries or comments by saying "police are on their way, please be patient." Upon arrival of law enforcement, IHCC officers shall relinquish the detainee to law enforcement and retrieve any Department issued handcuffs. IHCC personnel shall defer to the judgment of law enforcement officers upon their arrival.

Use of Handcuffs

IHCC personnel must use discretion based on the situation to determine whether a person needing to be detained/restrained is handcuffed, and whether handcuffs become no longer necessary. Factors to consider include:

- The circumstances or crime leading to the detention.
- The behavior of the person being detained.
Whether the person has a known or observable mental or physical condition which could create or exacerbate a safety risk to the person's ability to communicate.

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The use of handcuffs or other restraints on detainees should continue only for as long as is reasonably necessary to assure the safety of officers, others and any articulable flight risk and/or severity of the crime. When deciding whether to remove restraints from a detainee, IHCC officers must continuously weigh the safety interests at hand against the continuing intrusion upon the detainee.

Additional Guidelines on Handcuffs

Only members who have successfully completed IHCC Safety and Security Department-approved training on the use of restraint devices are authorized to use handcuffs.

- Officers shall only use handcuffs purchased by the agency and approved for use by the Director of Safety and Security.
- Carry the device in its holster on the duty belt.
- Carry a corresponding cuff key on his/her person.
- The use of handcuffs will be consistent with training.
- Officers must ensure that the handcuffs have been properly applied and check for tightness and double lock activation.
- The Director of Safety and Security will be notified immediately of the detention.
- A detailed report of the incident including the reason for the detention will be prepared by the officer before the end of his/her shift.