

II. POLICY

The hobble restraint device may be used to carry out the Maximal Restraint Technique, consistent with training offered by the Minneapolis Police Department on the use of the hobble device and the Use of Force Policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

Hobble Restraint Device: A device that limits the motion of a person by tethering both legs together. Ripp Hobble™ is the only authorized brand to be used.

Maximal Restraint Technique (MRT): Technique used to secure a subject's feet to their waist in order to prevent the movement of legs and limit the possibility of property damage or injury to him/her or others.

Prone Position: For purposes of this policy, the term Prone Position means to lay a restrained subject face down on their chest.

Side Recovery Position: Placing a restrained subject on their side in order to reduce pressure on his/her chest and facilitate breathing.

IV. RULES/REGULATIONS

A. Maximal Restraint Technique – Use (06/13/14)

1. The Maximal Restraint Technique shall only be used in situations where handcuffed subjects are combative and still pose a threat to themselves, officers or others, or could cause significant damage to property if not properly restrained.
2. The MRT is accomplished in the following manner:
 - a. One hobble restraint device is placed around the subject's waist.
 - b. A second hobble restraint device is placed around the subject's feet.
 - c. Connect the hobble restraint device around the feet to the hobble restraint device around the waist in front of the subject.
3. **Do not** tie the feet of the subject directly to their hands behind their back. This is also known as a hogtie.
4. A supervisor shall be called to the scene where a subject has been restrained using the MRT to evaluate the manner in which the MRT was applied and to evaluate the method of transport.

B. Maximal Restraint Technique – Safety (06/13/14)

1. As soon as reasonable, any person restrained using the MRT who is in the prone position shall be placed in the side recovery position.
2. Under no circumstances, shall a subject restrained using the MRT be transported in the prone position.
3. Officers shall monitor the restrained subject until the arrival of medical personnel, if necessary, or transfer to another agency occurs.