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FYI. Just a heads up

There is a MVA regulation that exempts sheriff vehicles from having seatbelts in the back passenger compartments of prisoner escort vehicles. The rationale is that seatbelts if provided would be used as weapons against other prisoners and sheriffs. Also could aid in escape attempts.

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## SHERIFF POLICY MANUAL (Excerpt)

### 8.21 Escort Vehicles

#### 8.21.2 Vehicle equipment

- a. Each Sheriff's vehicle shall be equipped with, carry, or have mounted, the following:
  - Branch-approved Sheriffs' decals;
  - (for sedans only) a spare tire - Deputies responsible for vehicle maintenance should ensure that the spare tire air pressure is checked at least monthly;
  - (for sedans only) a jack;
  - a first aid kit - made of plastic or some other non-corrosive, non-rusting material and will include safety scissors or other type of safety cut down device;
  - a fire extinguisher - the extinguisher should be securely mounted in an area immediately accessible to the driver;
  - traffic safety vests and flashlights; and
  - a set of plastic warning triangles.
- b. For safety and security reasons, seat belts will not be provided in the rear seating compartment of Sheriff escort vehicles for prisoners, as authorized by section 32.05 of the [Motor Vehicle Act Regulations](#).

## MOTOR VEHICLE ACT (Excerpt)

### **Exemption — sheriff escort vehicle**

- 32.05** (1) A sheriff escort vehicle driven by a sheriff in the discharge of his or her duty is exempt from the requirement that seat belt assemblies in the rear seating position not be removed, rendered partly or wholly inoperative or modified so as to reduce their effectiveness.
- (2) A person who is in the custody or care of a sheriff is exempt from section 220 (4) of the Act.
- (3) A sheriff who, in the lawful performance of duty, is transporting a person in his or her custody or care is exempt from section 220 (3), (4) and (6) of the Act.
- [en. B.C. Reg. 370/2000.]

## SHERIFF POLICY MANUAL (Excerpt)

### 8.7.2 Restraint of Prisoners

- a. It is the duty and responsibility of the Sheriff or Deputy in charge of the escort to make certain that each prisoner is properly restrained at all times.
- b. The degree of restraint used is a matter of judgment for the escorting Deputy in consultation with the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff supervisor in charge of escorts, except where minimum or specific standards have been developed.
- c. The minimum standards for the use of restraints are:

- all prisoners being escorted will be handcuffed at all times except as set out in 8.7.2(d);

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- no prisoner will be handcuffed to a Sheriff or Deputy; and

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e. If a custody person is dangerous, more secure restraining devices should be used:

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### 8.7.3 Specific Restraint Requirements

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- b. The geographical boundaries of the Lower Mainland Region is defined as one community for the purposes of this policy.

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k. When escorting officers note or are made aware of concerns for self harm by a prisoner to be escorted,

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a. The standard application

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c. Prisoners, and walking down stairs, must have a deputy sheriff at their side holding their arm in case they lose their balance or trip.

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d. A Deputy must never be handcuffed to a prisoner.

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## SHERIFF RECRUIT TRAINING INSTRUCTOR GUIDE (Excerpt)

Escorts module that deals with prisoner restraints:

### Objective – Explain and demonstrate proper use of restraints

Slides 9 to 11

#### INTRODUCE:

SPM 8.7

Policies on use of restraints.

Refer students to SPM 8.7 use of restraints on different categories of prisoners.

**STATE:**

Minimum restraints for Escorts: s.15

Give examples of local policies on use of restraints and reasons for policies.

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**SHOW:**

Types of restraints used s.15 on cooperative subject consistent with training s.15

**DEMONSTRATE:**

Correct application s.15

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Students should be reminded that it is hard to practice these techniques in this type of sterile setting. Make sure students stay serious and remind them to practice as if they are doing the real thing.

After students seem comfortable s.15 get them to practice applying s.15

SRT PARTICIPANT MANUAL (Excerpt)

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