



<b>New Berlin Police Department Procedures Manual</b>		<b>Procedure Title: Emergency Restraint Chair</b>			
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1. [Prisoner Van and Restrain Chair Operation](#)
2. The Emergency Restraint Chair is a restraint device that safely immobilizes a violent, self-destructive or potentially violent person. The Emergency Restraint Chair can be used for persons who are approximately between 80-400 pounds.
3. The Emergency Restraint Chair can be used for any of the following situations:
  - a. A person violently resisting officers' control efforts.
  - b. A person that is intent on causing harm to him/herself.
  - c. A person that exhibits a reasonable potential for violence or self-destructive behavior.
  - d. A person with a medical condition/injury that prevents the use of normal restraint methods.
4. The Emergency Restraint Chair will be stored in the prisoner van. Any New Berlin officer that has a need for the chair will call for the van to be delivered to his/her location. A request from an outside agency for the Emergency Restraint Chair requires approval of a New Berlin supervisor. Officers deploying the chair at the request of an outside agency have the responsibility to ensure the chair is used in accordance with department policy. When officers have concerns, they should check with their supervisor.
5. When a violent person is secured in the Emergency Restraint Chair will have, at a minimum, be handcuffed prior to being placed in the chair. Leg irons can be used with the Emergency Restraint Chair if necessary. Based on the level of resistance, officers may consider applying a Ripp Restraint sit belt and/or hobble along with other soft restraints.
6. A person secured in the Emergency Restraint Chair will be closely and constantly monitored. Officers should pay particular attention to the person's ability to breathe and to any discomfort; the person appears to be in while seated in the restraint chair.
7. A person that is secured in the Emergency Restraint Chair will be loaded into the prisoner van using the wheel-chair lift to bring the chair into the correct position in the van. The chair will then be secured inside the van. Officers will NOT lift a person into the van.
8. Officers should make all reasonable attempts to remove a person from the restraint chair as soon as safely possible.
9. Officers should record the time a person is first fully secured in the Emergency Restraint Chair and the time when they are fully removed. This will accurately document the length the person is in the Emergency Restraint Chair. This can be accomplished through logging the information into the CAD system or by logging it with dispatch.

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10. Officers who restrain a person in the Emergency Restraint Chair will document their use of the chair and the chronological timeline in an incident report.

11. A transport of a juvenile in the Emergency Restraint Chair requires the approval of a New Berlin supervisor.