

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Mechanical restraints

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10

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SCOPE:

- Chapter 3800 – Child Residential and Day Treatment Facilities

INTRODUCTION:

1. A mechanical restraint is a device that restricts the movement or function of a child or portion of a child's body. Examples of mechanical restraints include handcuffs, anklets, wristlets, camisoles, helmets with fasteners, muffs and mitts with fasteners, poseys, wrist straps, head stapes, papoose boards, restraining sheets and similar devices.
2. The use of mechanical restraints is prohibited.
3. Devices used to provide support for functional body position or proper balance and a device used for medical treatment, such as sand bags to limit movement after medical treatment, a wheelchair belt that is used for body positioning and support or a helmet used for prevention of injury seizure activity, are not considered mechanical restraints.

DISCUSSION: