



Applying Waist Belt to a Compliant Subject

In a custodial, detainee, or involuntary mental health situations, it may be reasonable for a Subject to be compliant with the application of a SureLock Restraint, if the Subject is aware of the requirement for restraint.

Basic application involves applying the Waist Belt only and may be applied to facilitate certain processing where handcuffs do not provide enough flexibility. Conversely, full application of the Waist Belt and Leg Restraint may be required for transport or movement outside the facility.

The overriding principle: Secure the hands prior to the feet. A Subject is more dangerous with their hands than feet, so regardless of the method of application, always follow this principle.

In this situation, the following application sequence is suggested:

Preliminary:

Ensure that your SureLock Waist Belt is serviceable and in the maximum open position.

Have at least two Officers present to apply the SureLock Restraint. A risk assessment may determine if more Officers are required. Follow agency policy and procedure.

Search the Subject using the agency-approved search method.

The application of SureLock to a handcuffed Subject can be as follows:

1. Position the Subject in accordance with agency procedure
2. Attach Waist Belt to body
3. Place hands into Hand Restraints
4. Apply the Leg Restraint
5. Escort

Application

Position Subject in accordance with agency policy, and with the Officer at a position of control.



There are many options for applying the SureLock Waist Belt: Standing – Kneeling – lying - hands out - hands up - hands on head - etc. The main point is that the Subject is in a position of disadvantage with sufficient cover Officers available.



Note: There is no “right-side up” on the SureLock Waist Belt, so the tongue can be on the left or right of a Subject.



1. With each Officer holding a Control Handle, passes the Waist Belt around the front of a Subject and to the other Officer, making sure both Officers have a firm grasp of the side handles.

Note: The Waist Belt should be slightly above the hips of the Subject with the Main Buckle at the back of the Subject.

2. Insert the Main Buckle into the Tongue located on the Waist Belt until it clicks – This action is similar to seat belt mechanisms in cars. No key required is required.



3. Tighten belt around Subject's waist by pulling the strap away from the Main Buckle and **in-line (parallel)** with the return-strap until it is snug on the Subject.

4. Place any excess strap through the attached elastic band.

Place hands into Hand Restraints

Handcuffs

1. Remove the handcuffs from the Storage Pocket and place, one at a time, on the Subject's wrist with the handcuff body and keyholes in accordance with agency policy.
2. Check for tightness and make sure handcuffs are double-locked.
3. Repeat the procedure on the other hand.
3. Close the Storage Pocket.



The Subject is now fully restrained in the Waist Belt – Officers can control the Subject with the Control Handles and Hand Tethers.



MedCuffs

1. Remove the MedCuffs from the Storage Pocket.
2. Wrap each MedCuff onto the Subject's wrist, adjusting and securing the Velcro to ensure a secure yet non-restrictive fit to the Subject's wrist.
3. Insert the slot on the UniLock through the Hook on the cuff. The Hook should always be to the **outside** of the Subject's wrist and the UniLock should be facing up on the Subject's wrist.
4. Holding the UniLock device, pull the 1-inch tether until the strap is tight on wrist with no slack. Check for tightness.
5. Place excess 1-inch strap through the attached elastic band.
6. Close the Storage Pocket by securing to Velcro.

Hand Tether – Length Control

Our proprietary locking mechanism, UniLock, which uses a standard handcuff key, increases Officer safety by allowing the Officer to control the distance of a Subject's hands from the Waist Belt (maximum 15-inches). The key cannot be removed when the UniLock is in the "unlock" position.

To Extend:

1. Insert a handcuff key into the keyhole in the UniLock device located on the either side of the Waist Belt.

NOTE:

A slight tug on the Red Pull Handle to ease the grip of the locking mechanism makes the turn of the key easier.

2. Turn the key counter-clockwise 90° to unlock the hand tether. Command Subject to extend arm to the desired length to perform the needed task. Each hand can be extended to a maximum of 14 inches.

3. Extend the tether no more than necessary to perform the needed task.

4. Remove the key when the desired length is obtained.



To Retract:

1. If the Subject becomes uncooperative or assaultive, the hand can be immediately drawn back to the waist by pulling on the Red Pull Handle attached to the hand tether.

NO key required

(Pull handle is Blue on the Medical Waist Belt.)

2. Pull the Red Pull Handle with one hand while the other hand is holding the Control Handle for Subject control and stability. Retract the tethers to the required distance. The Subject's hands can be retracted back without using a key.



The Subject's hands are fully retracted back to his waist. Be sure to stand at the side and not behind the Subject to avoid a rear kick.

Applying Leg Restraints

(Standard Leg Restraint - LR1)

Apply the Leg Restraint to a kneeling or sitting Subject, or as per agency policy. **Ensure the Leg Restraint is at its operational state prior to application (largest loop size).**

One Officer holds/controls the Subject by holding one of the Control Handles on the Waist Belt. The other Officer applies the Leg Restraint as follows:

1. Insert the handcuff on the Leg Restraint into one of the D-Rings located on either side of the Waist Belt. *(All Waist Belt Models)*



2. Holding the Lower UniLock on the Leg Restraint, slide it down to fit around the Subject's foot - This action will increase the length of the restraint and reduce the loop size.

The Lower UniLock should face the outside of the Subject once around the Subject's ankle. *(Model: LR1)*



3. Tighten the lower loop, ensuring the UniLock is to the **outside** of the Subject and foam padding against the ankle.

4. Hold the Upper UniLock and pull the Red Pull Handle to limit the Subject's mobility - The more the tether is pulled, the less the mobility of the Subject.



In Scenario **A**, the Subject is seated with the Leg Restraint tether pulled to a length that will keep the Subject's leg at the 90° angle.

In Scenario **B**, the Leg Restraint is pulled to a length that will slightly hobble the Subject's mobility.



Leg Iron Restraint (*Model: LR2*)

1. Apply the single handcuff on the Leg Restraint to one of the D-rings on the Waist Belt.
2. Apply leg irons to the Subject's ankles as per agency policy.
3. Adjust tether length by pulling on the Red Pull Handle.



When fully restrained in the SureLock Full Restraint System, a Subject can safely be restrained yet have the flexibility needed to safely perform many standard tasks, such as processing, seating, eating/drinking, medical tests, and escorting.

