



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 part 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 is: 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

1. Position the Subject in accordance with agency procedure.



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. Such cover may include Officers with Taser® or OC / Chemical Agent, as appropriate.



It may be agency policy that Officers not interact with unrestrained Subjects, and Subjects are handcuffed prior to Officers entry into a cell. This is all part of the initial stage of positioning the Subject.

2. Attach Waist Belt to Body



One Officer, holding a side 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 rear.



Insert the Main Buckle into the tongue until it clicks. Note that there is no “right-side up” on the SureLock Waist Belt, so the tongue can be on the left or right of a Subject.



Tighten the Waist Belt around a Subject's until it is snug. Fold the excess strap under itself and secure in the two attached elastic bands.

3 Place hands into Hand Restraints



Remove the handcuffs from the front storage pocket and place, one at a time, on the Subject's wrist with the handcuff body and keyholes positioned in accordance with policy. Check for tightness and ensure handcuff is double locked. Repeat the procedure on the other side. Close the storage pocket. The Subject is now fully restrained in the Waist Belt and can be controlled by the Officers with the side Handles and red tethers.

4 Controlling Hand Distance

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 14"). The key cannot be removed when the UniLock is in the "unlock" position.



To Extend: Insert a universal handcuff key into the keyhole of the UniLock device located on the Waist Belt. Turn it counter-clockwise 90° to release the hand tether to the desired length to perform the needed task. Each hand can be extended to a maximum of 14 inches. Extend the tether no more than necessary to perform task. Remove the key when the desired length is obtained.



To Retract: If the Subject becomes uncooperative or assaultive, the hand may be immediately drawn back to his/her waist by pulling on the red Hand Pull attached to the tether.



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.



5 Applying the Leg Restraint (Standard Leg Restraint - LR1)

If the Subject is not already kneeling (or sitting as per Agency policy) on a bench, bunk or chair direct them to do so. Ensure the height is such that the Subject will be unable to stand after the restraint is applied. One Officer holds one of the Handles on the Waist Belt to steady the Subject. The other Officer applies the leg restraint as follows:



Insert the handcuff on the leg restraint into one of the D-Rings located on the backsides of the Waist Belt and double lock the cuff.

- 1) Holding the lower UniLock device on the Leg Restraint, slide it down to extend the length of the restraint and reduce loop size.
- 2) Place the lower leg loop over one foot and around the Subject's ankle.
- 3) Tighten - making sure the UniLock device is behind the Subject's ankle with the foam padding against the ankle.
- 4) Hold the lower UniLock, pull the tether to close the loop to the correct tightness. Always double lock the UniLock around the ankle.



To limit a Subject's mobility with the Leg Restraint attached, hold the upper UniLock while pulling the Red tether. The more the tether is pulled the less the mobility of the Subject.

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.

