Purpose
To provide the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) with guidance pertaining to chokeholds.

General Order (7.1.6)
IUPD officers are prohibited from using chokeholds and other physical maneuvers that restrict the ability to breathe for the purpose of incapacitation unless deadly force would be considered necessary and reasonable. Pursuant to Indiana Code 35-41-3-3, officers must give a warning, if feasible, to a person prior to using deadly force.

Definitions
Chokehold – Indiana Code 35-41-3-3 defines a chokehold as “applying pressure to the throat or neck of another person in a manner intended to obstruct the airway of the other person.” Indiana Code 35-41-3-3 also states that “Deadly force includes a chokehold.”

Deadly Force – Indiana Code 35-31.5-2-85 defines deadly force as meaning “force that creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury.”

Related Information
Indiana University Police Department
• G7.1.2 Use of Deadly Force

Indiana Code
• 35-31.5-2-85 – Deadly Force
• 35-41-3-3 – Use of Force Relating to Arrest or Escape

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