Purpose
To provide the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) with guidance concerning the use of physical restraints by non-sworn officers, referred to in this directive as “non-sworn personnel.”

General Order (7.1.8 a)
Non-sworn personnel will not use physical restraints unless they have a reasonable belief that they are defending themselves or another person from an assault likely to result in serious bodily injury or death, or at the direction of a sworn officer.

Definitions
Reasonable Belief – defined as a belief that would be considered reasonable from the perspective of any non-sworn officer in that situation.

Serious Bodily Injury – defined by Indiana Code 35-31.5-2-292 as serious permanent disfigurement, unconsciousness, extreme pain, permanent or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ, or loss of a fetus.

Permissible Restraint Methods (7.1.8 b)
The IUPD does not issue restraints to non-sworn personnel. Non-sworn personnel may use any technique or object available to them at the time to defend themselves or another person from an assault likely to result in serious bodily injury or death, or at the direction of a sworn officer.

Conditions Under Which a Restrained Individual May be Released (7.1.8 c)
Persons who are restrained by non-sworn personnel may be released to or at the direction of a sworn officer or supervisor.
Procedures for Documenting the Restraint (7.1.8 d)
Non-sworn personnel will follow the procedures outlined in G7.1.10 Reporting Use of Force Incidents for any incident meeting the criteria, including any incident where non-sworn personnel restrain an individual.

Related Information
Indiana University Police Department
• G7.1.10 – Reporting Use of Force Incidents

Indiana Code
• 35-31.5-2-292 – Serious Bodily Injury

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