



# SEARCH OF PERSONS

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## **Policy Statement**

*It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to comply with these requirements in his/her administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.*

### **1. Subject**

The guiding principles under which the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and processes relating to the search of persons.

### **2. Policy Requirements**

It is the policy of the Board that with respect to the search of persons, the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure complete compliance with the legal, legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) Ensure members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Regularly review search of persons procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation;
- (e) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed and are in compliance of changes in the law relating to the search of persons;
- (f) Establish procedures that address:
  - i. The circumstances in which the officer may undertake a search of person;
  - ii. Frisk/field searches;
  - iii. Strip/complete searches;
  - iv. Body cavity searches;
  - v. The supervision of searches of persons; and
  - vi. The documentation of searches of persons.

### **3. Measurement Methods/Systems**

The Chief of Police shall regularly review the results of any search of persons to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

### **4. Reporting**

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the search of persons has resulted in an "exceptional" circumstance, or a

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circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

As part of a separate Annual Report on Adequacy Regulation, the Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this section of the policy.

**5. 5.Authority/Legislative Reference**

Ontario Regulation 03/99; Section 13(1)(h) and 29  
Board Minute #191/00  
Board Minute #18/14

**6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

I-B-119(F) Search of Persons  
I-B-140(F) Consent Search