

Perform a Standing Search
191-376-5208

Conditions: You are performing law enforcement or security duties and wearing the appropriate gear according to the local or unit standing operating procedure (SOP). You have handcuffed a standing subject and are in the handcuff-escort position.

Standards: Systematically search the subject while maintaining positive physical control, and find all evidence, weapons, and items that may aid in escape.

Performance Steps

1. Tell the subject to spread his feet until you say stop (his feet should be at least shoulder width apart), point his toes out, and remain in place.
2. Maintain the reverse-handshake grip you have on the subject, and perform a search using the hand that was on his elbow. Perform a search with an open hand from head to toe using a rubbing, massaging method. Mentally divide his body down the middle, and search the side closest to you.
3. Complete the search of one side and change sides by moving your outside hand over the top of your forearm and gripping the subject's other hand in a reverse-handshake grip. Release your other hand and move it to the subject's elbow. Move your body to that side, and begin a search of the other side in the same manner.

NOTE: Do not pat or crush. Rely on your sense of feel and not sight. Do not place yourself where the subject can head butt, elbow, or knee you.

4. Search the subject with the intent of discovering all evidence, weapons, and items that may aid him or others in escape.

NOTE: For more details and illustrations, see Joseph J. Truncala and Terry Smith, "Monadnock Defensive Tactics System (MDTS)," Monadnock Police Training Council, Fitzwilliam, NH, 1994. <http://www.trainingcouncil.org>. Used by permission.

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: Evaluate this task by having the soldier demonstrate proficiency through hands-on testing in defensive tactics and subject control techniques.

Brief Soldier: Tell the soldier that he must correctly perform a standing search.

Performance Measures	<u>GO</u>	<u>NO GO</u>
1. Gave verbal instructions to the subject on how to stand.	—	—
2. Maintained the reverse-handshake grip on the subject, and performed a search with an open hand from head to toe using a rubbing, massage method.	—	—
3. Completed the search of one side, then the other, maintaining positive physical control.	—	—
4. Found all evidence, weapons, and items that may aid in escape.	—	—

Evaluation Guidance: Score the soldier GO if all steps are passed (P). Score the soldier NO-GO if any step is failed (F). If the soldier fails any step, show him how to do it correctly.

References
Required

Related
AR 190-14
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Perform a Prone Search

191-376-5209

Conditions: You are performing law enforcement or security duties and wearing the appropriate gear according to the local or unit standing operating procedure (SOP). You have handcuffed a noncompliant subject in a ground handcuffing position.

Standards: Systematically search the subject while maintaining positive physical control, and find all evidence, weapons, and items that may aid in escape.

Performance Steps

1. Begin the search only after the subject has been placed in the ground handcuffing position and handcuffed.
2. Rotate your entire body around the subject's shoulder and center yourself at the outside of the subject's hip. Maintain at least one of your knees over the subject's near side or back. The other knee may be on the ground.
3. Pin down a resistant or aggressive subject by pressing your knee on the side of his back (or pressing your knee down on the elbow closest to you) and applying pressure. At the same time, grip the subject's handcuffed hand closest to you with your hand that is closest to his hip in a reverse-handshake grip and apply pain compliance using loud verbal commands of "Stop resisting," "Lay down," and "Stop moving around."
4. Command the subject to cross his feet/ankles and to look away from you.
5. Search with an open hand in a rubbing, massaging method from head to foot. Stop at the knees, tap one of the subject's legs, and tell the subject to raise that foot up and back. Pivot your body to face the feet. As the subject's foot moves up and back, firmly grip the toe area with one hand. Use your free hand to search between the knees, the foot, and around the lower leg and foot. Repeat with the other foot.
6. Search the entire area not in contact with the ground, then pivot back to facing the subject. Using your hand closest to the subject's head, reach across the subject's back and firmly grasp his shoulder. Roll the subject toward you, up on his side just enough to expose the unsearched area. Maintain your grip of the subject's shoulder, and search from the head to the knee area. Once you have completed the search, roll the subject back to his chest.
7. Do not pat or crush. Rely on your sense of feel and not sight.

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Evaluation Preparation: Setup: Evaluate this task by having the soldier demonstrate proficiency through hands-on training in defensive tactics and subject control techniques.

Brief Soldier: Tell the soldier that he must correctly perform a search of a handcuffed noncompliant subject in a ground handcuffing position.

Performance Measures

- | | <u>GO</u> | <u>NO GO</u> |
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| 1. Maintained positive physical control. | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Searched with an open hand in a rubbing, massaging method. | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Found all evidence, weapons, and items that may aid in escape. | _____ | _____ |

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