



# Minneapolis Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

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## Volume Five – Code of Conduct and Use of Force

### Use of Force

#### 5-310 Control Option- Impact Weapons

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##### I. Purpose

This policy is intended to recognize and respect the sanctity of life and value of all human life, and to expand on the requirements of other force policies, specifically related to authorized impact weapons and improvised impact weapons.

##### II. Definitions

Terms defined in P&P 5-304:

- Carry
- Use

##### III. Policy

###### A. Impact Weapons as Intermediate Weapons

MPD approved impact weapons are intermediate weapons, but can be lethal in certain circumstances.

###### B. Civil Disturbances and Assemblies

Impact weapons shall only be used during civil disturbances and assemblies when authorized in accordance with P&P 7-805.

###### C. Conditions for Use

1. Objectively reasonable, necessary and proportional

Impact weapons may only be used when objectively reasonable, necessary and proportional, in order to provide for the safety of an officer or a third person, stop an attack, make an arrest, bring a person or situation safely under control, or prevent escape (as described in P&P 5-301). Officers are reminded that they shall use the lowest degree of force necessary (P&P 5-301).

When using impact weapons, officers must continually assess the situation and modulate their use of force accordingly as the level of resistance changes.

## 2. Restrictions on strikes

### a. Imminent harm

Impact weapon strikes shall only be used to protect the officer, the subject, or another party from objectively imminent physical harm.

### b. Target areas

Officers shall not intentionally use an impact weapon to strike a person's head, neck, throat, face, armpit, spine, kidneys, or groin unless deadly force would be justified.

## **D. Treatment and Medical Aid**

1. In addition to standard medical treatment after use of force (in accordance with P&P 5-301), treatment for a person that has been struck with an impact weapon shall include visually inspecting the areas struck for signs of injury, when appropriate.
2. Officers shall routinely monitor the medical condition of a person that has been struck with an impact weapon until they are released to medical or other law enforcement personnel.

## **E. Specifications for Batons**

1. Every officer shall carry an impact weapon while working in uniform unless issued a CEW. Impact weapons are optional for employees carrying a CEW.
2. The impact weapon shall comply with the following requirements:
  - a. Authorized Brands – ASP or Monadnock.
  - b. Overall extended length not to exceed 26 inches.
  - c. Black or Chrome finish.

## **F. Specifications for Riot Sticks**

1. Every officer working in a uniformed capacity shall keep a riot stick readily available (e.g. in the squad) for response to civil disturbances when needed.
2. Officers shall only carry the riot stick issued to them by the MPD.