



WOODSTOCK POLICE SERVICE BOARD POLICY

Subject:	Search of Persons
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Authority/Legislative References

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, Sched. 1

Ontario Regulation 392/23 Adequate and Effective Policing (General)

Policy Statement

The Woodstock Police Service Board (the "Board") is committed to ensuring that searches of persons are conducted in strict accordance with legal, constitutional, and case law requirements. This policy mandates the development of comprehensive procedures that guide the search process, including frisk, strip, and body cavity searches, as well as consent searches. This policy aims to uphold the highest standards of legal compliance and respect for individuals' rights during search operations.

Policy Application

1. It is the policy of the Board with respect to search of persons that the Chief of Police shall:
 - a. establish procedures that address:

- i. the compliance by members of the Woodstock Police Service (the "Service") with the legal, constitutional and case law requirements relating to when and how searches of persons are to be undertaken;
 - ii. the circumstances in which an officer may undertake a search of person;
 - iii. frisk/field searches;
 - iv. strip/complete searches;
 - v. body cavity searches;
 - vi. consent searches;
 - vii. the supervision of searches of persons; and
 - viii. the documentation of searches of persons; and
- b. ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to search of persons.