

WEBER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE		POLICY AND PROCEDURES	
SUBJECT: Transporting Sick, Injured or Disabled Prisoners		CHAPTER/SECTION NO.: 47.22, 47.23	
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47.22 Policy

- 47.22.1 Transporting sick, injured, and physically or mentally disabled prisoners, frequently dictates that special care and attention be provided by transporting deputies. The Office provides directives and guidelines to facilitate the safe transportation of sick, injured, and physically or mentally disabled prisoners.

47.23 Procedures

- 47.23.1 A disabled prisoner who requires the use of a wheelchair may be transported in a police vehicle as long as the deputy is satisfied that it can be done safely, for both the deputy and the prisoner.
- 47.23.2 Prisoners with prosthetic devices may be transported in a police vehicle.
- A. Restraining prisoners wearing prosthetic devices frequently requires ingenuity and concern for the safety of both the prisoner and the deputy.
 - B. A prisoner wearing a prosthetic device must be thoroughly searched, including the prosthetic device(s).
 - C. Handcuffs and/or the leg cord cuff restraint (hobble) should be used, if possible, to restrain prisoners wearing prosthetic device(s).

- 47.23.3 Whatever restraining device or combination thereof that is utilized, should not interfere with the prisoner's ability to balance or protect him/herself during transport.
- 47.23.4 Prior to transporting a physically and/or mentally disabled prisoner or a prisoner wearing a prosthetic device(s) to a custodial facility, the transporting deputy should:
- A. contact the facility and advise them of the prisoner's condition so that any special arrangements may be made at the facility prior to the prisoner's arrival.
 - B. place wheelchairs, crutches, some prosthetic devices, etc., in the trunk of the transporting vehicle and not in a compartment of the vehicle where the prisoner has access.
- 47.23.5 If a prisoner is so physically and/or mentally disabled that the deputy feels the prisoner cannot be safely transported in a police vehicle, the deputy shall:
- A. Notify the on-duty supervisor for permission to:
 - 1. process and release the subject in the field if a full booking procedure is not absolutely necessary.
 - 2. transport the prisoner to a booking or holding facility by ambulance.
 - B. Ensure the prisoner under arrest is accompanied by a deputy, if transported in an ambulance.
- 47.23.6 Any prisoner complaining of sickness or injury, or in the judgement of the deputy appears to be sick or injured, whether complaining of same or not, will be treated as follows:

- A. An ambulance or fire department medical aid unit will be called to the prisoner's location. Based upon the technicians recommendation, the prisoner will be:
 - 1. Administered first aid by the aid crew.
 - 2. Transported to an emergency medical facility which is approved by the Sheriff's Office.
 - 3. If the prisoner has insurance providing medical care at a local medical care facility, he/she may be treated at that facility, if he/she requests and it is practical to do so.
- B. The sick/injured prisoner will, unless otherwise directed, be transported to a medical care facility by ambulance.
 - 1. If, in the opinion of the aid crew members, the prisoner can be safely transported in a police vehicle in restraints, the police vehicle may be used for transport with the approval of the duty supervisor.
 - 2. If transport to a medical care facility is provided by ambulance for a prisoner under arrest for a criminal offense, a deputy will accompany the prisoner.
 - 3. If transport to a medical care facility is provided by ambulance for a person not under arrest, the deputy will use his/her discretion on whether to accompany the person in the ambulance or follow the ambulance in his/her own vehicle.
- C. A written report will be made regarding any medical attention or first aid given to a prisoner including the dates, times, places, and names and/or EMS numbers of the provider(s). The report will be filed with the case report. A copy of the aid unit report should be included in the case.

D. If a prisoner requires hospitalization or dies in custody, command level personnel will be notified immediately.

47.23.7 Any medicines belonging to a prisoner will be kept with the prisoner's property and no medicine will be administered by a member of the Sheriff's Office, other than as proscribed in Correction Facility Policy.