

**PROHIBITED PROCEDURES IN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

1. **PURPOSE.** Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14074—Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety, this notice identifies prohibited practices in Department of Veterans Affairs law enforcement.
2. **POLICY.** It is VA's policy that the following procedures and practices are prohibited:
  - a. VA Police Services shall not use choke holds or carotid restraints on any Veteran, visitor, employee, patient, or contractor at VA facilities.
  - b. VA Police Service shall follow use of force guidelines in Chapter IV, Section D, Use of Force of the Office of Security and Law Enforcement Standard Operating Procedures, which is consistent with the United States Attorney General's guidelines.
  - c. VA Police Service shall not conduct "no knock" warrants for any reason, at any time.
  - d. VA shall not sell or transfer military style equipment to any state, local, Tribal, or territorial law enforcement agency.
3. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration/ Operations, Security and Preparedness shall:
  - a. Ensure the appropriate implementation of this notice through the Office of the Chief Security Officer/Operations, Security and Preparedness, via the Office of Security and Law Enforcement (07B) and/or the Office of the Chief of Police (07D).
  - b. The Chief Security Officer shall:
    - (1) Establish standard operating procedures that are consistent with the United States Attorney General's guidelines as required in E.O. 14074.
    - (2) Ensure that all training provided at the Law Enforcement Training Center is consistent with the United States Attorney General's guidelines as required in E.O. 14074.
  - c. The Under Secretary for Health shall:

Ensure all VA Police Services under their authority, follow standard operating procedures established by the Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness.

4. **RESPONSIBLE OFFICE.** The Office Human Resources and Administration/ Operations, Security and Preparedness (006/007).
5. **RESCISSION.** This notice will be rescinded, and guidance incorporated into VA Directive 0730, Security and Law Enforcement, no later than one year after the date of publication.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY  
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