



## **Policy Summaries**

The Search and Seizure policies represent a detailed area of policing practices including technical procedures followed by law enforcement officers. Please refer to the specific General Police Orders (GPOs) to gain a better understanding of the policies in place. There are 5 separate policies contributing to Search and Seizure. These policies can be found on the city website.

### **The 5 policies include:**

Search and Seizure  
Investigative Stops  
Probable Cause Arrest  
Miranda Rights  
Detainee Searches

## **Detainee Searches**

### **Requirements**

- There is probable cause to believe that the person is concealing evidence of the commission of a criminal offense, including fruits or tools of a crime, contraband, or a deadly weapon that was not otherwise discovered through less-intrusive means.
- Must be supported by articulable facts considering the nature of the offense, circumstances of the arrest, and if known, prior criminal/conviction record of the person or that the arrestee may possess weapons or contraband on or in their body.

### **Strip Searches**

- Conducted only in a secure holding facility, when less intrusive means of discovering a weapon or contraband are not available.
- Officers shall take reasonable steps to minimize the potential embarrassment or discomfort to the party being searched and shall include the least number of personnel necessary.

### **Body Cavity Searches**

- All body cavity search warrant requests must be pre-approved in writing by a Division of Police supervisor.
- A body cavity search shall be conducted only by a physician, or registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse, which is registered or licensed to practice in the State of Ohio.

### **Reporting**

- A Cleveland Division of Police Prisoner Search Report will be made upon completion of any strip or body cavity search