

## CARRYING AND USE OF RESTRAINING DEVICES - Consultation Document -

Security Programs and Police Technology Division (SPPT) is developing regulations for the *Security Services Act* which will replace the current *Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act* and its regulations.

Under s. 8(2) of the Private Investigators and Security Agencies (Ministerial) Regulations, a security employee:

*(a) must not carry or use, during the course of employment, firearms, truncheons, billets, handcuffs, other restraining devices, chemical spray or any other items designed or intended to debilitate or control a person ...*

A few Canadian jurisdictions now authorize security guards to carry and use restraining devices as a condition on the licence provided the individual demonstrates:

- proof of training, acceptable to the registrar, in the use of restraining devices, and
- proof of authorization from the business that employs the applicant to carry and use security restraining devices.

Through a previous consultation process a number of requests were made of SPPT to allow the use of restraint devices by security workers. In consideration of those requests we seek your feedback on the following questions.

1. Should security guards be permitted to carry and use restraining devices?
2. If permitted, what type of training should be required for the carrying and use of restraining devices?
3. Should there be exemptions from training? For example, Ontario exempts individuals who have worked as police officers within the five years prior to their licence application.
4. Should there be any restrictions on the types of restraining devices that a security guard can carry and use? For example, Ontario does not allow the use of cable ties or strip ties.
5. What role should the employer play?

Should the employer be required to ensure that individual licensees employed by the business comply with the regulations respecting restraining devices?

Can an individual only carry and use restraining devices that are owned and issued by his or her employer?

Must the employer demonstrate to the registrar that its employees need to use restraining devices before restraining devices are approved?

The purpose of this consultation document is to solicit input from the security industry and other interested stakeholders on the proposed use of Restraints. If you have any questions or want to provide feedback on this consultation document, please e-mail [SPDSSA@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SPDSSA@gov.bc.ca) by November 18, 2007.