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DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER
**ACCIDENTAL/SELF- INFLICTED
INJURIES**



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POLICY STATEMENT

Incidents may occur wherein an officer accidentally injures or immobilizes a person who is not in the officer's custody and not the focus of an investigation or arrest attempt. Incidents may also occur when a suspect is in custody an intentionally injures themselves by their own actions either by continuing to resist their custody or in attempting to escape their custody. These incidents must be reported to a supervisor and investigated to assure that the injured citizen receives appropriate medical attention, and to protect the officer and the department from false or exaggerated claims at a later date. **This policy does not apply to a person injured due to traffic accidents, responses to resistance/aggression, chemical irritants or TASERS.**

I. CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING ACCIDENTAL INJURY

- A. No written policy can outline every instance where an Internal Investigation Incident Report will be needed to document an accidental injury. The following examples provide guidance:
1. An officer chasing a person on foot rounds a corner and collides with a citizen.
 2. A bicycle officer runs over a citizen's foot.
 3. A suspect intentionally kicks out a cruiser window cutting his foot.
 4. A suspect tries to break away and run while handcuffed and falls, scraping his forehead.

II. REPORTING AND INVESTIGATORY PROCEDURES

- A. Officers who accidentally injure someone or have someone in custody that accidentally injure themselves must:
1. Make arrangements for any needed medical treatment as soon as possible.
 2. Contact a supervisor as soon as practicable (immediately if the person is in custody).
 3. Before the end of the tour of duty, the officer involved in the accidental/self-inflicted injury must complete a *BlueTeam Internal Investigation Incident Report* fully describing the situation.
- B. Supervisors will:
1. Promptly respond to the scene to investigate the incident.
 2. Take written statements from the injured person and any witnesses.
 3. Photograph the scene and the injured person. The same protocol used to photograph force recipients will be used to photograph persons who were accidentally injured or who injured themselves through their actions.
 4. Provide the injured person with the telephone number of the Law Department (333-4100 - accidental injuries only).
 5. Review the officer's *BlueTeam Internal Investigation Incident Report* and initiate an Administrative Investigation.
 6. Forward the report and all attachments via BlueTeam through the appropriate Division Commander to the Professional Standards Bureau.