



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Search of Persons (LE-008)

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1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to ensuring that searches of persons are conducted lawfully, respectfully, and in a manner that upholds the dignity and human rights of all individuals. It is the policy of the Board to direct the Chief of Police to establish and maintain clear procedures, consistent with applicable constitutional and legislative requirements, that govern when and how searches are conducted, ensure appropriate supervision and documentation, and support transparency and accountability in annual reporting.

2. Board Policy

Pursuant to *Ontario Regulation 392/23 - Adequate and Effective Policing (General)* it is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) with respect to the search of persons that the Chief of Police will:

a) Establish and maintain written procedures that address:

- I. The compliance by members of the Police Service with the legal, constitutional, and case law requirements relating to when and how searches of persons are to be undertaken;
- II. The circumstances in which an officer may undertake a search of person;
- III. *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*;

- IV. Frisk/field searches;
 - V. Strip/complete searches;
 - VI. Body cavity searches;
 - VII. Strip searches involving transgender, nonbinary, intersex, or gender-diverse persons;
 - VIII. Consent searches;
 - IX. Cultural and religious considerations in searches of persons;
 - X. The supervision – Officer-in-Charge – responsibilities of searches of persons; and
 - XI. The documentation of searches of persons.
- b) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to the search of persons; and
- c) Annual Reporting – The Chief of Police shall obtain strip search data and report to the Board on the following information:
- I. Number of strip searches conducted each year;
 - II. Race of the arrestees, if known;
 - III. Gender of the arrestees, if known;
 - IV. Age of arrestees;
 - V. Number of times force was used;
 - VI. Number of times items were found during strip search, and
 - VII. Analysis of trends and concerns, if any.

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