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**The Prisons and Young Offenders
Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2006**

PART 10

SECURITY AND CONTROL

Orders as to the use of restraints

97.—(1) In this rule and rule 98, “restraint” means a body belt.

(2) The Governor may order that a prisoner be placed under a restraint where it appears to the Governor that it is necessary to do so in order to restrain a prisoner—

- (a) who threatens to injure, or is in the course of injuring, him or herself or other persons; or
- (b) who threatens to damage, or is in the course of damaging, property; or
- (c) who threatens to create, or is in the course of creating, a disturbance.

(3) Where the Governor makes an order under paragraph (2), notice of the order shall be given by the Governor to a medical officer as soon as possible.

(4) On receipt of a notice under paragraph (3), the medical officer shall inform the Governor whether he or she concurs in the order and, if not, the Governor shall order the restraint to be removed immediately.

(5) A medical officer may order that a prisoner be placed under a restraint if satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to prevent self-injury.

(6) Where a medical officer makes an order under paragraph (5), the medical officer shall give notice of the order to the Governor as soon as possible.

(7) No prisoner shall be placed under a restraint as a punishment.