

Select a Type of Body Search to Perform
191-376-5115

Conditions: You suspect a subject is carrying a weapon or you believe he has committed a crime.

Standards: Perform the correct body search for different situations.

Performance Steps

1. Select the correct type of body.
2. Perform a stand-up search. Perform search when--
 - a. Searching for weapons and contraband.
 - b. The subject is cooperative.
 - c. At least two MP are available for each subject to be searched.
3. Perform a frisk (pat down) search. Frisk (pat down) when a person is suspected of being armed. This is used only for your protection before questioning a suspicious person. Refer to Task 191-376-5116.

NOTE: If the frisk reveals a weapon, place the subject under apprehension. Then conduct a search incident to the apprehension.

4. Perform a prone search. Perform a search when--
 - a. The subjects are armed, dangerous, and/or uncooperative.
 - b. The MP is alone.

NOTE: Refer to Tasks 191-376-5208 and 191-376-5209.

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: To evaluate the soldier, create different situations with each requiring a different type of body search. You may use either a paper and pencil test or divide the class members into groups of three and have them act out a scenario.

Brief soldier: If role players are used, tell one member of the group to act as the suspect in a given situation. Tell the second soldier to act as the MP in charge and another to act as the assistant MP. Tell the MP in charge that he must select the correct type of body search to perform for each situation. Rotate the members so that each has a chance to act as the MP in charge.

Performance Measures	<u>GO</u>	<u>NO GO</u>
1. Selected the correct type of body.	_____	_____
2. Performed a stand-up search.	_____	_____
3. Performed a frisk (pat down) search.	_____	_____
4. Performed a prone search.	_____	_____

Evaluation Guidance: Score the soldier GO if all steps are passed (P). Score the soldier NO-GO if any step is failed (F). If the soldier fails any step, show him how to do it correctly.

References
Required

Related
FM 19-10
FM 19-15
MCM

Perform a Stand-Up Search or a Frisk (Pat-Down) Search
191-376-5116

Conditions: You have cause to search a subject. You are given with a subject to search.

Standards: Conduct a full search of the subject by sequentially performing all the steps. Locate and confiscate all weapons and contraband.

Performance Steps

NOTE: When possible, the search of a person's body should be made in private and by members of the same sex. Always use the crushing method on clothing (grab the material, pull away from the skin, and squeeze).

1. Conduct a stand-up search. Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-1.



Figure 191-376-5116-1
Conduct a Stand-Up Search

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- a. Direct the subject to--
 - (1) Raise his arms, lock his elbows, and spread his fingers, with the palms facing the searcher.
 - (2) Turn so that his back is towards the searcher.
 - (3) Spread his feet apart (more than shoulder width) with his toes pointed out.
 - (4) Interlock his fingers and place his hands on the crown of his head.

- b. Ensure that the assisting military police (MP) is in the correct position. The assistant MP should stand in front of the subject and to one side at a 45-degree angle and 5 to 10 feet away, out of the subject's reach.

NOTE: Never get between the subject and the assistant MP.

- c. Position yourself for the search.
 - (1) Search the right side first.
 - (2) Center the left foot between the subject's feet with the toe in line with the subject's heels.
 - (3) Ensure that the right foot is 5 to 8 inches behind the subject's right foot.

NOTE: Either the right or left side of the subject may be searched first. If the left side is searched first, then reverse the sequence.

- d. Search the headgear.
 - (1) Direct the subject to raise his interlocked hands off his head.
 - (2) Remove the subject's headgear.
 - (3) Direct the subject to return his interlocked hands to his head.
 - (4) Bend the seams of the headgear, before crushing, to determine if razor blades or similar items are hidden inside.
 - (5) Complete the search of the headgear and place the headgear on the ground.

- e. Search the subject. Imagine the subject's body as being divided into a right side and left side. For the purpose of this task, begin the search on the right side.
 - (1) Grasp two fingers of the subject's right hand or both of the interlocked hands with your left hand and apply pressure. Pull the subject slightly backward to keep the subject off balance. Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-2 and Figure 191-376-5116-3.

Performance Steps



Figure 191-376-5116-2
Grasp the Fingers of the Subject's Hand

Performance Steps



Figure 191-376-5116-3
Grasp the Subject's Hand

- (2) Search the suspect using your right hand to perform the crushing method in the following sequence:
 - (a) The head and hair. Direct the subject to raise his interlocked hands. Do not release your grasp on the subject's fingers or hands. After searching, have the subject return his hands to his head.
 - (b) The right arm to shoulder.
 - (c) The neck and collar. Bring the subject's dog tags, or necklace, to the back of the subject and look for weapons.
 - (d) The right side of the back to the waist.
 - (e) The right side. Be sure to search the armpit.
 - (f) The right side of the chest to the waist. If the subject is wearing a jacket or shirt that extends below the waist, lift the front and ask your assistant to visually check for weapons.

NOTE: When searching females, check the front of the bra by pulling out the center enough to allow concealed weapons or contraband to drop out.

- (g) The waistband (the front to the middle of the back). Bend the material before crushing it to detect razor blades. Check between the belt and the pants, pants and the undergarment, and undergarment and skin. Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-4.

Performance Steps

Figure 191-376-5116-4
Search the Waistband

(h) The right buttock.

CAUTION: SQUAT, RATHER THAN BEND, WHEN SEARCHING THE LOWER HALF OF THE SUBJECT'S BODY.

- (i) The right hip, abdomen, and crotch.
- (j) The right leg from the crotch to top of the shoe.
- (k) The right shoe. Check the top edge of the boot or shoe by carefully inserting a finger in the top edge to feel for evidence or weapons. Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-5.

Performance Steps



Figure 191-376-5116-5
Search Shoes

- f. Reverse the search to the subject's left side.
 - (1) Without releasing the subject's right fingers, grasp two fingers of his left hand with your right hand (or grasp the interlocked hands with both hands). Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-6.

Performance Steps



Figure 191-376-5116-6
Reverse Search to Left Side

(2) Reverse the position of your feet.

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- (3) Release your left hand and pull the subject back to keep him off balance.
 - (4) Search the opposite side of the subject's body in the same way that you searched the right side.
2. Conduct a frisk (pat-down) search. Refer to Figure 191-376-5116-7.



Figure 191-376-5116-7
Frisk (Pat-Down) Search

- a. Position the subject the same as for the stand-up search.
- b. Ensure that your assistant is in the same position as for a stand-up search.
- c. Conduct the frisk (pat-down) search the same as for a stand-up search, except that you use the clapping (flat-hand) method rather than the crushing method.
 - (1) Conduct the frisk by patting down the outside of the garment only.
 - (2) Do not search the subject's pockets or waistband unless the pat down suggests a weapon.
 - (3) Stop the search if a weapon is found, place the subject under apprehension, and conduct a search incident to the apprehension.

Evaluation Preparation: Setup: Have one soldier play the role of the subject and another the role of assistant MP. Place concealed weapons and/or contraband on the subject.

Brief soldier: Review all searches done by the MP, and provide the soldier with protocol for each search.

Performance Measures	<u>GO</u>	<u>NO GO</u>
1. Conducted a stand-up search.	_____	_____
2. Conducted a frisk (pat-down) search.	_____	_____

Evaluation Guidance: Score the soldier GO if all steps are passed (P). Score the soldier NO-GO if any step is failed (F). If the soldier fails any step, show him how to do it correctly.

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