



Safety Control Procedure (SCP) (8.608.4)

A Safety Control Procedure (SCP) is a restrictive procedure that may be used to control a previously exhibited behavior, and which is anticipated to occur again. An example could be using a deactivation switch to gain control over a wheelchair when it is used as a weapon, or using a locking seatbelt to restrict access. ABLE and the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) will develop the interventions used in the SCP, with oversight by the Human Rights Committee (HRC).

- SCPs are very specific procedures, not included in an ISSP, and are not to be used as punishment, for the convenience of staff, or as a substitute for services, supports or instruction.
- ABLE employees and contractors will always use the least restrictive interventions possible to ensure safety.
- ABLE employees or contractors are required to have specific training on the SCP procedure prior to any implementation of the SCP.
- During a physical or mechanical restraint, the individual in the restraint will be monitored to assure that their breathing and circulation are not compromised.
- An individual placed in a mechanical restraint shall be monitored at least every fifteen minutes by employees or contractors trained in the use of the mechanical restraint to ensure that the individual's physical needs are met and circulation is not restricted or airway obstructed. A record of such monitoring shall be maintained.
- The restraint will be ended as soon as the emergency condition no longer exists.
- ABLE recommends contacting the police, if possible, when an individual is engaging in actions that could be considered being a danger to themselves or to the safety others.
If the police are called, the caller will tell the police dispatcher that the individual has a developmental disability. When the police arrive, immediately tell the police arriving on the scene that the individual has a developmental disability.
- If an SCP is used, an ABLE Program Manager or Director will be notified as soon as the situation is safe. Any injury will be reported as well.
- If an SCP is used, an incident report must be completed and filed with ABLE within 24 hours. The incident report will note the start and end time of when the procedure was used, a description of the procedure used, with an explanation of why it was used. Within three days after use of an SCP, the community centered board or regional center, parent of a minor, guardian, and authorized representative if within the scope of his or her duties, shall be notified.
- If the SCP is used more than three times within 30 days, the IDT should meet to review the plan and discuss alternate interventions.