



Senate Bill 32

“An act prohibiting the use of chokeholds by peace officers; and relating to justification of use of force by peace officers.”

Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson

National 8 Can't Wait Campaign

- We were inspired to model local legislation after the widely-recognized national 8 can't wait campaign:
 - Bans the use of chokeholds and strangleholds
 - Require de-escalation
 - Require warning before shooting
 - Require exhausting all alternatives before shooting
 - Duty to intervene (by officers that observe other officers violating practice standards)
 - Ban shooting at moving vehicles
 - Require a use of force continuum
 - Require comprehensive reporting (by officers each time they use force or threaten to use force)
- We recognize that the national campaign wouldn't fit the unique needs of Alaska, so we worked with various stakeholders to create a bill that was all encompassing of Alaska's unique needs.

Meeting w/ Stakeholders

- Throughout the process of drafting the bills, we met with and received recommendations from the following stakeholders:
 - NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives)
 - APDEA (Anchorage Police Department Employees Association)
 - APD (Anchorage Police Department)
 - PSEA (Public Safety Employees Association)

Bill Objectives

- Prohibits peace officers from knowingly using a restraint that impedes another person's breathing or blood circulation that would likely cause a loss of consciousness
 - This includes carotid restraint, tracheal choke, and others that result in the aforementioned conditions.
- Chokeholds are permitted in situations where deadly force is authorized by law.

What Sort of Chokeholds Will be Prohibited

A Post survey of the nation's largest police departments use-of-force policies found that:



71%

Prohibit chokeholds



68%

Prohibit carotid holds

Chokehold

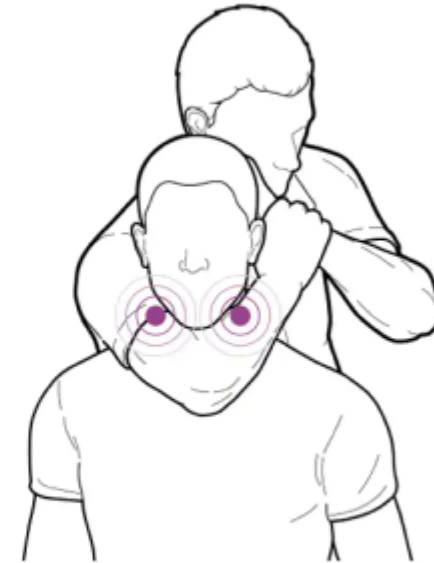
Also called an arm bar hold



Applies **pressure** to the trachea, restricting airways and stopping breathing

Carotid hold

Vascular hold, sleeper hold or stranglehold



Applies **pressure** to the carotid arteries, restricting blood flow to the brain and causing loss of consciousness

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/national/police-use-of-force-chokehold-carotid-ban/>

What We Know About the Bans on Chokeholds

- A Post survey of the 65 largest U.S. police departments found that 46 prohibit chokeholds in their use-of-force policies, while 44 prohibit carotid holds in those policies
 - Connecticut
 - California (San Diego, Los Angeles, etc.)
 - Florida (Broward County, Miami etc.)
 - New York
 - Washington (Seattle etc.)
 - Texas (Austin, Houston, Dallas etc.)
 - Illinois (Chicago etc.)
 - Colorado (Denver etc.)
 - Arizona (Phoenix etc.)
 - Delaware
 - Iowa

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<https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/10/world/police-policies-neck-restraints-trnd/index.html>



Thank You

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