



**BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*Brookline Massachusetts*

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**Special Order 2020-18**

**SUBJECT: Chokehold Ban**

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The following language is being added to the Brookline Police Department Manual, General Order 30.3.

This Special Order is incorporating this language into the Brookline Police Department's Use of Force Policy General Order 30.3.

**Chokehold Ban Language for Brookline Police Department's Use of Force Policy**  
**Approved by the Brookline Select Board on October 6, 2020**

*Add new subsection (F) to section #6 (Prohibitions) of the Use of Force policy (Gen. Order 30.3 at p. 450 of the Brookline Police Department's online Policies and Procedures page).*

**6. Prohibitions**

**F. The use of (i) chokeholds or strangleholds, which apply pressure to the trachea restricting airways and stopping breathing, or (ii) carotid-holds, which apply pressure to the carotid arteries restricting blood flow to the brain and causing loss of consciousness, or (iii) other techniques that cut off the supply of oxygen or blood to the brain or that prevent breathing, are prohibited, except if and when the officer reasonably believes that the officer or another person is at risk of imminent death or serious bodily injury and such technique is the only way to prevent such imminent death or serious bodily injury. Any use of this exception shall be reviewed in accordance with Section 12 of this Use of Force Policy.**

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