

20.6 Less Lethal Substances/Devices

ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD 20.6 **The agency has a written directive regarding the use of less lethal substances and devices by agency personnel, including any prohibitions against carrying such weapons.**

Commentary: This standard will ensure the proper use of less lethal substances and devices including, but not limited to, chemical agents, tear gas, impact weapons and batons.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interviews to verify that sworn personnel are aware of, understand, and are complying with the requirements of the policy.