

I. **PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the use of the spit hood.

II. **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office that the "**Spit Sock Hood**" brand spit hood shall be the only authorized instrument to be utilized to prevent an unruly or threatening prisoner against biting and/or spitting and from causing physical harm to self or others.

III. **PROCEDURE**

- A. The Spit Sock Hood brand spit hood is to be used as a temporary measure only while an inmate/prisoner is in transition to a new cell location or in transport to/from the detention facility.
1. Continuous monitoring is required while the Spit Sock Hood is in use. Therefore, the Spit Sock Hood may only be used on inmate/prisoners that can be continuously monitored by a Deputy Sheriff.
 2. Once the Spit Sock Hood is applied, the inmate/prisoner will be monitored by a Deputy Sheriff until removal. The Deputy Sheriff will ensure the person's airway, nose and mouth are unobstructed at all times.
 3. The Spit Sock Hood will be removed or not applied if an inmate is vomiting.
 4. Any inmate/prisoner with the Spit Sock Hood applied will only be transported in a sedan vehicle.
 5. Whenever a Spit Sock Hood is utilized the application, monitoring and removal will be documented in an incident report.
 6. The Spit Sock Hood is a single-person disposable item not to be laundered.
 7. See below example for proper placement of the Spit Sock Hood:



**FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURE**

**SOP NUMBER: 520
SUBJECT: USE OF SPIT HOOD**

**08/06/01
DATE APPROVED**

**10/29/2020
EFFECTIVE DATE**

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