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Welcome to the official Metropolitan Police CED training.

We have aimed to really unveil what the TASER is and how constables should go about using it. We hope that you can take all the information on board that you need.

Please listen to your instructor and do not ask questions until asked. You may be removed if you do not follow instructions.

Learn about your Taser



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What is the TASER?

Since 2017, the Metropolitan Police have equipped all taser-trained officers with the X2 TASER. Tasers also known as a conductive electrical devices (CEDs) – are weapons with a 50,000-volt electrical charge and temporarily incapacitate a person, in most cases causing them freeze and fall to the ground.

You will be trained how to use this successfully.

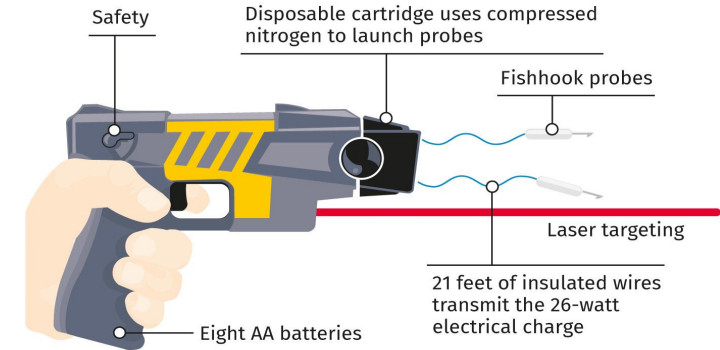


How a Taser works

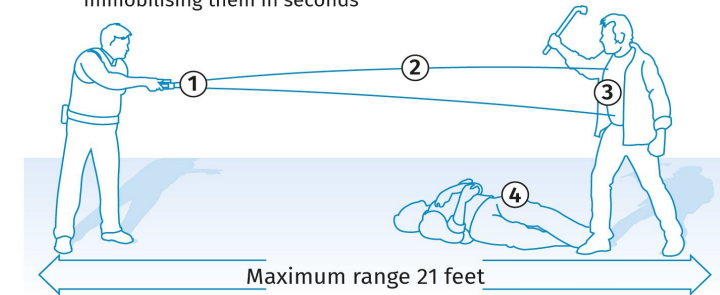
How does the Taser work?

The taser's prong(s) are inserted into the suspect's body, which will lower them to the floor. The prong(s) will stay inside the subject until they are removed by yourself or in the worst case scenario the London Ambulance Service.

It is also equipped with two red light dots for better accuracy when discharging.



- ① Taser fires two fishhook probes
- ② Probes are connected to the Taser by insulated wires
- ③ Wires transmit strong electrical pulses into the body of the target through up to two inches of clothing
- ④ Pulses interfere with the target's nervous system, immobilising them in seconds



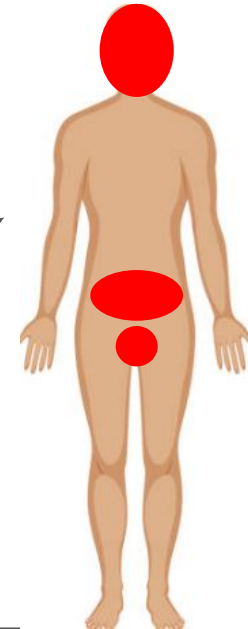
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Use of Force

We will teach you to aim for the lower torso and avoid the head, neck and groin areas. After all, firing a Taser causes two metal darts to penetrate a person's skin, and caution should be used to hit less sensitive areas.



This is considered dangerous and should not be performed by any PC even with justification.



Legislation

When you are thinking of discharging a TASER you must think of the following sections to make it A) Lawful and B) Justifiable.

Note: Command can question anyone, at any time regarding their use of a taser and you are expected to respond with a full justification.

The main sections to consider are.

- **Section 3 Criminal Law Act, 1967.**
- **Article 2 Human Rights Act Right to Life.**
- **Section 117 Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984.**
- **Common Law**

CED Usage



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The Five-Step Procedure

Simple appeal – ask the person to comply with your request.

Reasoned appeal – explain why the request has been made, what law (if any) has been broken, and what has caused the request.

Personal appeal – remind the person that they may be jeopardising things that are high priorities to them (eg, loss of free time if arrested, loss of money, loss of income, possibility of a criminal record, loss of respect of their partner and family).

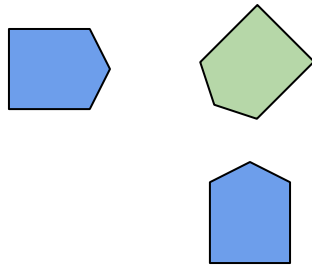
Final appeal – tell the person what is required and use a phrase that means the same as the following: 'Is there anything I can reasonably do to make you cooperate with me/us?'

Action – reasonable force may be the only option left in the case of continued resistance.

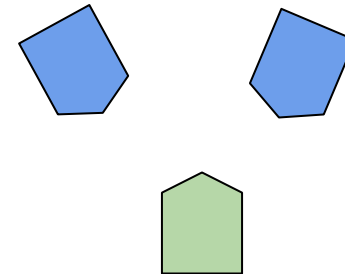
Frequent Tactics Used

There is two (2) main tactics used within the Metropolitan Police but these are not the only ones that can be used. We recommend ideally that only one or two officers have their tasers drawn on a subject, if there is anymore officers they should be LESS-LETHAL. The two tactics outlined below are designed to prevent any other officers being struck by the prong(s) are the UPSIDE DOWN L SHAPE and the V SHAPE:

UPSIDE DOWN L



V SHAPE



Use of Force

We understand that people may be armed with violent weapons such as knives, hammers, bats, etc. However we should always consider our basic policing knowledge to end a situation. You could start off with using your voice calmly. If that fails, you can consider using options such as your PAVA, ASP BATON or PHYSICAL FORCE if deemed completely necessary. If none of these options work for yourself you could use your TASER.

As a taser-trained officer, it's essential to remain mindful of your Use of Force Scale, which includes the following levels:

Verbal Communication - Engaging the suspect with verbal commands and instructions.

Physical Intervention- Applying physical force and utilizing tools such as an ASP baton or PAVA spray.

Taser Usage - Deploying, arcing, and firing your X2 Taser when necessary.

You can remember the above as the traffic light system - Green = Go to the scene, just starting. Amber = Get ready to stop the situation, Red = bring it to a stop.

Discharge of your Taser

When using your taser, it's essential to inform the suspect that you have a taser and are prepared to use it.

If the suspect doesn't comprehend this, you must clarify that the taser can deliver 50,000 volts if they don't cease their aggressive behavior. Always evaluate other options before resorting to deploying your taser.

Within your time on patrol you have most likely heard officer state:

“I am a taser armed officer! Drop the weapon!”

“50,000 volts! Stop there or you will be tased!”

“Come any closer you will be tased! Stand still!”

Discharge of your Taser Cont.

When deploying a taser, officers must provide both verbal and visual warnings before and during any discharge. Sufficient time should be allowed between the warning and discharge to ensure other officers are aware.

Officers are required to give a clear verbal warning, **"Taser, Taser, Taser"** to alert everyone nearby that a taser is about to be fired. This warning must always be given prior to discharging the taser.

Note: After every discharge we expect a form to be completed with the use of the CAD.

Justification

Now, how can you justify the use of your X2 TASER here is 5 simple questions that should always sit in the back of your head after you discharge TASER;

- (1) What information was available before using the taser?
- (2) What was the risk assessment?
- (3) What powers were considered? *refer back slides
- (4) What actions were taken?
- (5) Were other Use of Force options considered?

Without any hesitation, you should be able to answer these questions to any member of command if asked.

This is now the end of your training, do you have any questions?

If not, you are now being tested on everything you have learnt.

Please listen to all instructions provided to you from your CED Instructor. Failure to do so could result in serious injury from the practical side. Take caution.

If you are not sure on something. ASK US!

Thank you.

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