


# PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER</b> 250
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## I. POLICY

It is the policy of this agency that searches of detainees shall be conducted no more than is reasonably necessary, and with proper regard for the dignity of the detainee and personal safety of the searching officer, in accordance with law.

## II. PROCEDURES

A. Rule 12.1 and Rule 12.2, Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure provide the guidelines for Search and Seizure Incidental to Arrest.

1. Permissible purposes - An officer who is making a lawful arrest may, without a search warrant, conduct a search of the person or property of the accused for the following purposes only:
  - a) To protect the officer, the accused, or other;
  - b) To prevent the escape of the accused;
  - c) To furnish appropriate custodial care if the accused is jailed, or
  - d) To obtain evidence of the commission of the offense for which the accused has been arrested or to seize contraband, the fruits of the crime, or other things criminally possessed or used in conjunction with the offense.
  
2. **PERMISSIBLE SCOPE** - An officer making an arrest and the authorized officials at the police station or other place of detention to which the accused is brought may conduct a search of the accused's garments and personal effects ready to hand, the surface of his body, and the area within his immediate control

**B. SEARCH PROCEDURE FOR ROUTINE SEARCH TO ARREST**

1. Place the individual with hands high on the wall or patrol vehicle and extended approximately three feet apart. Make the individual place his palms flat. Make the individual extend on his fingers. The feet should be positioned where they are separated in a wide manner, and far enough away from the wall or patrol vehicle so that the individual would not have balance enough to push away from the wall or patrol vehicle with any force. The back should be in a straight line with the legs and not be arched. When searching the individual's left side, the officer's left leg should be placed in such a manner that the officer could dislodge the individual if he should make a sudden move. The right hand should be placed in the middle of the back. With this manner of search, only one hand is used to search.
  
2. Search the following:
  - a) Hair
  - b) Open Mouth
  - c) Collar
  - d) Back of neck
  - e) Both arms
  - f) Armpits
  - g) Chest
  - h) Back
  - i) Waistline (feel inside pants)
  - j) Inside belt
  - k) Crotch
  - l) Down both legs
  - m) Cuffs
  - n) Socks
  - o) Inside shoes

**C. FIELD STRIP SEARCH:** Refer to: Pine Bluff Police Department Policy 251 (Strip & Body Cavity Searches)

**D. OTHER STRIP SEARCH -** Refer to: Pine Bluff Police Department Policy 251 (Strip & Body Cavity Searches)

**E. BODY CAVITY SEARCHES-** Refer to: Pine Bluff Police Department Policy 251 (Strip & Body Cavity Searches)