



POLICY	Issue: 2.0
Body Armour	Date: 15/1/2010

Policy Statement

Body armour is classified as Personal Protective Equipment and following assessment under the Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 1992, the CNC will provide body armour (in accordance with HOSDB standards) on a personal issue basis to all front line police officers as a means to protect against serious injury occurring. In common with all PPE body armour must be worn, used and maintained in accordance with CNC training, manufacturer's guidance and the relevant regulatory provisions.

Supervisors are responsible for monitoring the wearing of body armour and compliance with this policy, which applies to all operational deployments including escort duties.

Protection Standards and Levels:

- HG2 standard offers protection against handguns and low calibre weapons
- KR2 standard offers protection against knives
- SP2 standard offers protection against spiked implements
- RF1 standard offers protection against soft core ammunition.

The RF1 plates will not be utilised as a permanent part of the body armour. The plates will be inserted when operationally required. i.e.

- ACPO decision based on National Threat Levels
- National Intelligence
- Local Intelligence
- Incident Assessment by FIM, BCU Control Room or other Commanders
- Dynamic assessment by individual officer of individual threat

Body armour should always accord with Home Office Scientific Development Branch (HOSDB) standards.

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to:

- Ensure the Constabulary has safe working practices in respect of the provision, wearing and replacement of body armour,
- Achieve consistent working practices across the Constabulary.

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This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0407	Health & safety general risk assessment & control procedure
CNC/PP/0059	Reports, pocket books & the recording of information
GRA-Op 1.20	Risk Assessment for Body Armour – Qset Manuals
CNC/PP/0577	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
CNC/PP/0576	Wearing and Maintenance of Police Uniform

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