

# LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

**LPSB Policy: 080**

**Title:** Body Armour

**Procedure:** Part 1 Chapter F  
Part 10 Chapter E  
Part 11 Chapter D

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**1.Policy:**

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board with respect to equipment-body armour that the Chief of Police will:

- a) ensure the provision of body armour equipment that is:
  - i) constructed to provide the level of protection necessary for the performance of duty that addresses:
    - the type of weapons members are likely exposed to;
    - protection for members from their own handguns and ammunition that are in accordance with prescribed specifications;
- b) ensure the provision of body armour is purchased from manufacturers that:
  - i) practice effective quality control for testing and labeling in accordance with current National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Standards/Requirements on Ballistic Resistance of Body Armour;
  - ii) are certified under current International Organization for Standardization-ISO 9001:2008 standards for production and manufacturing; and
  - iii) ensure that the body armour provided is listed on the NIJ Compliant Products List, including replacement panels and carriers, in accordance with current NIJ Standards/Requirements;
- c) ensure that each member uses, maintains and cares for the body armour provided in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions;
- d) ensure that a formal and documented inspection program is in place that addresses wear and tear;

- e) ensure that members receive the appropriate training on the legislative requirements of OHSA and information on use and care, as well as the benefits and limitations of body armour; and
- f) consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of body armour.

**2.Reference(s):**

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **AI - 015**