



Reportable Uses of Force

The following types of reportable use-of-force were established by advisory group as instructed by the legislature and Chapter 10.118 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
POINT	Pointed a conventional firearm at a person.
DISCHARGE	Discharged a conventional firearm at or in the direction of a person.
ECW	Used an electronic control weapon at or in the direction of a person.
CHEMICAL	Used a chemical irritant spray against a person or in the direction of a person.
LESS LETHAL DISCHARGE	Discharged a less lethal shotgun or impact munitions at or in the direction of a person.
IMPACT	Struck a person using an impact weapon or instrument, including but not limited to a club, baton, or flashlight.
STRIKE	Used any part of the body to physically strike a person, including but not limited to punching, kicking, slapping, using closed fists, leg, or feet.
VEHICLE	Used a vehicle to intentionally strike a person or vehicle.
CANINE	Deployed a canine.
NECK	Used a neck restraint.
FORCE OTHER	Reportable only in two instances: a) When the type of force used is <u>not</u> included in the list above AND that force resulted in substantial injury, great bodily harm, or a fatality; OR b) A pepper ball* is discharged at or in the direction of a person regardless of whether an injury occurred.

* Pepper ball is included due to its dual classification as both a chemical and less-lethal use of force.

See the [WADEPS website](#) for the full use-of-force data dictionary.

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