

TASER RELATED INJURIES: FACT OR FICTION

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Abstract

The implementation by law enforcement agencies of the Electronic Control Device commonly known as a “Taser” has significantly reduced injuries sustained by officers and uncooperative arrestees during an incident. The reduction in injuries can be attributed to the Tasers use as an effective alternative to other traditional methods of gaining compliance such as hands on physical force, baton strikes, or chemical agents. Less injuries sustained equals money saved for the liable agency.

However, with innovation comes controversy. A review of the research material will present different sides of the argument possibly influencing the future use of Tasers in law enforcement. The research information will show that some medical experts support the opinion that being shocked by a Taser can result in death.