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2024/1170 - Pepper Spray/Taser

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to know when should officers use pepper spray and what situation should it be used in and also a taser I would also like to know what police class as officers using excessive force on someone

There are no set circumstances that dictate when an officer should or should not use spray or a Taser. This is down to each officer to justify the use utilising the NDM. There are a number of factors determining any use of force, such as but not limited to, impact factors, environment, suitability of use of force option and subject behaviour. Each officer will have different impact factors because we are all different and this will determine the force used by the officer.

Excessive force would be any force that falls outside legislation in relation to using force.

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