

**IMPORTANT SAFETY AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

This document presents important safety warnings, instructions, and information intended to minimize hazards associated with the use of Axon Enterprise, Inc.'s TASER StrikeLight Flashlight. These instructions and warnings are for your protection as well as the safety of others. **Read the entire document before using the StrikeLight Flashlight.**

The stun function of the StrikeLight Flashlight is to be used only for lawful self-defense or in the defense of others. The stun function of the StrikeLight Flashlight is not designed to cause incapacitation like some other TASER products. A StrikeLight Flashlight is not a substitute for caution, common sense, or other preventive self-protection actions such as ensuring doors are locked, parking in well-lighted areas, avoiding suspicious individuals, or calling 911.

When used as directed, stun devices are weapons designed to provide a force option that may temporarily repel a person while reducing the likelihood of death or serious injury. Any use of force, including the use of a stun device, can cause physical pain or exertion and involves risks that a person may get hurt or die. Following the instructions and warnings in this document will reduce the likelihood that stun device use will cause death or serious injury.

These warnings and instructions are effective **August 28, 2017**, and supersede all prior revisions. The most current warnings are also available online at www.axon.com.

- 1. Read and obey.** Significant differences exist between different TASER products. Do not use or attempt to use any TASER product unless you have read, understood, and are following all current instructions, warnings, and relevant TASER training materials before using the product. Failure to do so could increase the risk of death or serious injury to the user or others.
- 2. Obey applicable laws.** Use of stun devices must be legally justified and comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Always follow all current instructions, warnings, and TASER training materials to minimize risks.

This document uses a signal word panel to mark specific warnings:



This signal word panel indicates a **potentially hazardous situation which if not avoided could result in death or serious injury.**

Warnings may be followed by instructions and information to help avoid the hazard and improve stun device safety.

SAFETY INFORMATION: RISKS AND RISK AVOIDANCE **WARNING! CUMULATIVE EFFECTS**

Stun device exposure causes certain effects, including physiologic and metabolic changes, stress, and pain. In some individuals, the risk of death or serious injury may increase with cumulative exposures. Repeated, prolonged, or continuous stun device applications may contribute to cumulative exhaustion, stress, cardiac, physiologic, metabolic, respiratory, and associated medical risks which could increase the risk of death or serious injury. Minimize repeated, continuous, or simultaneous exposures.

Physiologic and Metabolic Effects. Stun device use can cause physiologic and/or metabolic effects that may increase the risk of death or serious injury. These effects may include changes in blood chemistry, blood pressure, respiration, heart rate and rhythm, and adrenaline and stress hormones, among others. Some individuals may be particularly susceptible to the effects of stun device use. These susceptible individuals may include the elderly, those with heart conditions, asthma or other pulmonary conditions, and people suffering from excited delirium, profound agitation, severe exhaustion, drug intoxication or chronic drug abuse, and/or over-exertion from physical struggle. In a physiologically or metabolically compromised person, any physiologic or metabolic change may cause or contribute to sudden death.

Stress and Pain. Stun device use, anticipation of use, or response to use can cause startle, panic, fear, anger, rage, temporary discomfort, pain, or stress which may be injurious or fatal to some people.

To reduce the risk from a stun device exposure:

1. **Minimize the number and duration of exposures.** Use the shortest duration of stun device exposure reasonable for self-defense. If a deployment is ineffective in deterring or stopping an attacker or achieving compliance consider escaping from the situation or consider alternative force options.
2. **Avoid simultaneous exposures.** Do not use multiple stun devices at the same time without justification. Multiple stun devices used at the same time could have cumulative effects and result in increased risks.

 **WARNING! CARDIAC CAPTURE**

Stun device exposure in the chest area near the heart has a low probability of inducing extra heart beats (cardiac capture). In rare circumstances, cardiac capture could lead to cardiac arrest. When possible, avoid targeting the frontal chest area near the heart to reduce the risk of potential serious injury or death.

Cardiac capture may be more likely in children and thin adults because the heart is usually closer to the stun device-delivered discharge (the dart-to-heart distance). Serious complications could also arise in those with impaired heart function or in those with an implanted cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator.

To reduce the risk of injury:

1. **Use preferred target areas.** The preferred target areas (blue) are below the neck area for back shots and the lower center mass (below chest) for front contacts. The preferred target areas increase dart-to-heart distance and reduce cardiac risks. Back contacts are preferable to front contacts when practicable.
2. **Avoid sensitive areas.** When practicable, avoid intentionally targeting the stun device on sensitive areas of the body such as the face, eyes, head, throat, chest area (area of the heart), breast, groin, genitals, or known pre-existing injury areas.

 **WARNING! HIGHER RISK POPULATIONS**

Stun device use on a pregnant, infirm, elderly, or low body-mass index person or on a small child could increase the risk of death or serious injury. As with any force option, stun device use has not been scientifically tested on these populations. Use a stun device on such persons **only** if the situation justifies an increased risk.

 **WARNING! SECONDARY INJURY**

The loss of control resulting from a stun device exposure may result in injuries due to a fall or other uncontrolled movement. When possible, avoid using a stun device when secondary injuries are likely.

Loss of control associated with stun device use can have several causes:

- **Seizure.** Repetitive stimuli (e.g., flashing light or electrical stimuli) can induce seizure in some people, which may result in death or serious injury. This risk may be increased in a person with epilepsy, a seizure history, or if electrical stimuli pass through the head. Emotional stress and physical exertion, both likely in incidents involving stun devices and other uses of force, are reported as seizure-precipitating factors.
- **Fainting.** A person may experience an exaggerated response to a stun device exposure, or threatened exposure, which may result in fainting or falling.
- **Pain or startle response.** Stun device use may cause loss of control from pain or startle response.

To reduce these risks, consider the person's location before using a stun device.

SAFETY INFORMATION: INJURY OR INFECTION

A stun device may cause injury as a result of the electrical discharge. The nature and severity of these effects depends on numerous factors including the area of exposure, individual susceptibility, and other circumstances surrounding its use, exposure, and after care. Medical care may be required.

 **WARNING! EYE INJURY HAZARD**

A stun device electrode or electrical discharge that contacts or comes close to an eye can result in serious injury, including permanent vision loss. **DO NOT** intentionally use a stun device on or near the eye of a person or animal without justification.



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WARNING! ELECTRODE INJURY, SCARRING, OR INFECTION HAZARD

Stun device use may cause a permanent mark, burn, scar, or other skin or tissue damage. Infection could result in death or serious injury.

To reduce the risk of serious or permanent injury:

1. **Medical care may be needed.** Stun device use may cause skin irritation, abrasion, mark, rash, burn, or other scar or infection, which may require medical care and may be permanent. As with any injury of this type, infection or tetanus and resulting complications may occur.
2. **Biohazards.** Use appropriate biohazard protocols and protective equipment (e.g., gloves, masks, and washing of hands and exposed areas as necessary).

SAFETY INFORMATION: DEPLOYMENT AND USE

WARNING!

The stun function of the StrikeLight Flashlight is a weapon and as with any weapon follow safe weapon-handling practices and store your StrikeLight Flashlight securely. Follow practices herein. Failure to follow these warnings may result in death or serious injury to the user or others.

WARNING! DO NOT USE AS AN IMPACT WEAPON

Even though the flashlight is named "StrikeLight" it is not designed or intended to be used as an impact tool or device and is not to be used as a striking instrument. Using the flashlight as an impact weapon will likely cause malfunction, and may put the user or other person at risk of death or serious injury.

1. **Use properly.** Use a stun device only for its intended purpose, in legally justifiable situations for lawful self-defense or in the defense of others. Do not use for torture. Misuse can result in criminal prosecution or civil litigation.
2. **Store in a secure location.** Store the StrikeLight Flashlight in secure locations inaccessible to children and other unauthorized persons to prevent inappropriate access or use. The StrikeLight Flashlight is a weapon and is not a toy.
3. **Use of Activation Button.** Always place the activation button in the OFF position when the device is not in use. Remember to place activation button in the ON position when you intend to use the stun function of the flashlight.

SAFETY INFORMATION: EFFECTIVENESS

A stun device, like any weapon or force option, does not always function as intended and is not effective on every person. As with any use of force, if a particular option is not effective, consider using other force options or escaping from the situation. **Always have a back-up plan.**



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WARNING! ATTACKER NOT DETERRED OR STOPPED

An ineffective stun device application could increase the risk of death or serious injury to the user or others. If a stun device does not operate as intended or if an attacker is not deterred or stopped, use other force options or escape the situation.

A stun device's effects may be limited by many factors, including absence of delivered electrical charge due to body or clothing disconnect or intermittent connection; attacker's muscle mass; or movement. Some of the factors that may influence the effectiveness of the stun device use in stopping or deterring an attacker include:

- **Pain Compliance Only.** The use the stun function of the StrikeLight Flashlight is painful, but generally does not cause incapacitation. The stun device may not be effective on persons with high tolerances for pain, persons on drugs or alcohol, or on emotionally disturbed persons or others who may not respond to pain due to a mind-body disconnect. Avoid using repeated applications on such individuals if the desired effect is not achieved.
- **May fail to operate.** No weapon system, force option, or stun device is always operational or effective. If a stun device is inoperable or fails to function, consider redeploying, using other force options, or escaping the situation.

SAFETY INFORMATION: OTHER HAZARDS

WARNING! FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARD

The stun function of the StrikeLight Flashlight can result in a fire or explosion when flammable gases, fumes, vapors, liquids, or materials are present. Use of a stun device in presence of fire or explosion hazard could result in death or serious injury. When possible, avoid using a stun device in known flammable hazard conditions.

A stun device can ignite explosive or flammable clothing or materials, liquids, fumes, gases, or vapors (e.g., gasoline, vapor or gas found in sewer lines or methamphetamine labs, butane-type lighters, flammable hair gels or some self-defense sprays). Do not knowingly use a stun device in the presence of any explosive or flammable substance unless the situation justifies the increased risk.

SAFETY INFORMATION: GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

WARNING! UNINTENTIONAL ACTIVATION HAZARD

Unintentional activation of a stun device could result in death or serious injury to the user or others.

To reduce the risk of unintentional activation:

1. **Keep body parts away from front of the Product.** Always keep your hands and body parts away from the front of the StrikeLight Flashlight. If the stun function discharges unexpectedly you could be injured.
2. **Avoid dropping.** If a StrikeLight Flashlight is dropped or damaged it may unintentionally activate the stun function, become inoperable, or fail to function, making it unsafe for continued use.



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- 3. Avoid Water/Liquid Submersion or Excess Exposure.** If the StrikeLight Flashlight is submerged or overly exposed to water or other liquid it may unintentionally activate the stun function, become inoperable, or fail to function, making it unsafe for continued use.

SAFETY INFORMATION: MAINTENANCE

WARNING!

Failure to maintain the StrikeLight Flashlight as instructed may cause it to malfunction or fail to function optimally, increasing the risk of death or serious injury. Follow recommended maintenance procedures.

To reduce these risks:

- 1. Safely perform spark (function) test.** Testing helps verify that the device is functioning properly. See manufacturer's instructions for further information on testing.
- 2. Avoid using a damaged device.** Repair or modification by an unauthorized person may cause the device to fire or malfunction, will void the warranty, and may put the user or other person at risk of death or serious injury.
- 3. Use only Axon-approved components, batteries, and accessories.** The StrikeLight Flashlight has a sophisticated electronic system. For proper function, use only Axon-approved components, batteries, and accessories. Use of anything other than Axon-approved components, batteries, and accessories will void the warranty, may cause malfunction, and may put the user or other person at risk of death or serious injury.
- 4. Avoid exposure to wet conditions.** If the StrikeLight Flashlight is drenched or immersed in water or other liquid, **DO NOT** use or attempt to use it until completing the procedure recommended by the manufacturer.

SAFETY INFORMATION: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

WARNING! HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

The StrikeLight Flashlight has components that contain chemicals known to the State of California and others to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Do not disassemble.