

Conducted Electrical Weapons (C.E.W) are designed to use propelled wires or direct contact to conduct electrical charge to primarily affect motor functions and/or the sensory nervous system.

Typically, C.E.W use by itself does not require transport to a hospital and law enforcement personnel are taught to remove the darts from the person once they are no longer needed for control. When MDFR personnel do encounter someone who has been controlled using a C.E.W a careful assessment is required to ensure that this individual is not suffering from excited delirium nor has some other condition that necessitates treatment.

General

A. History/Evaluation

A patient exhibiting any of the following will be treated by MDFR and transported ALS to the closest appropriate facility:

1. History of Events
 - a) Evidence of excited delirium prior to the use of the C.E.W.
2. Evaluation
 - a) Diaphoresis unexplained by the environment
 - b) Evidence of hyperthermia by either touch (hot to touch away from direct sunlight) or oral/axillary temperature > 102° F
 - c) Medical complaints or injuries that require ALS transport according to other MDFR protocols.

B. Patient Care

BLS

1. Initial Assessment/Care. [Protocol 1](#)
 - a) Determine the dart locations if a C.E.W was used (if not already removed).
 - b) If law enforcement is unable to remove a dart because of its location.
 1. Stabilize the probe in place as an impaled object.
 2. **Fire Rescue personnel will not remove C.E.W probes.**
 3. If the assessment does not reveal any ALS required conditions, the patient can be transported BLS to the closest appropriate hospital for removal of the impaled dart.