

# *Using Pepper Spray*

Pepper Spray (Oleo Capsaicin) can be very debilitating — *Use it with caution* —

If you sense you or your loved ones may be in a threatening situation, prepare yourself by removing the spray container from its case (if cased) and hold it

- Do NOT unscrew the spray until you are ready to actually spray
- Be aware of any wind  
Do NOT spray into the wind
- Range is typically limited to 6-’ to 12’  
Don’t let the attacker get too close
- Units are limited to 6-10 one second bursts

If the assailant is close, keep the pepper spray closer to your body, to avoid giving the attacker a chance to grab the pepper spray, deflect your aim or exacerbate the attack.

If the attacker is more than eight feet away, then extend your arm before spraying, to make-up for the limited range of the spray.

- **Spray into your attacker’s eyes.**
- **Adjust your aim as you are spraying**
- **Keep your spray bursts short.** Most OC containers have a limited capacity and there may be more than one assailant.

Once you use a pepper spray unit, replace it. A used unit may not have enough spray left to be effective when used the next time.

## *After an incident*

- Check the safety of yourself and others
- Do not rub on any pepper sprayed area
- If in eyes, flush liberally with water
- Call 911
- Provide a complete description of the assailant, the event and your location.
- Ask witnesses to provide their contact information and a witness statement
- Cooperate with the police.  
If they want to detain you, tell them you’ll give full cooperation in 24 hours  
— After speaking with an attorney