

## Fatal Points

"Free my hands and I'll varnish this floor with your brains!"  
-- from "The Scarlet Citadel" by Robert E. Howard.

Sometimes when you are threatened with physical violence, a weapon to defend yourself with is not always available. Your hands, however, are always with you, and can be as lethal as any weapon. Below are a list of attacks that police are instructed not employ, as they may prove deadly.

**TEMPLE** - A very susceptible vital spot. If struck with sufficient force, may cause unconsciousness or death.

**NASION** - This is the summit of the nose. If struck with sufficient force may cause death.

**PHILTRUM** - This is the area between the upper lip and the bottom of the nose. Attack to this area may also cause unconsciousness or death.

**HOOK TO JAW** - A powerful hook punch to the front side of jaw may snap an enemy's neck. Fatal.

**ADAM'S APPLE** - A sharp blow here may cause enemy to asphyxiate.

**SOLAR PLEXUS** - The small of back. May cause death.

**TESTICLES** - The strong, focused pain of a vicious low blow may cause shock, resulting in death.

**BASE OF CEREBELLUM** - A powerful blow to the nape of the neck, causing mortal damage.

**COCCYX** - A powerful blow to the tail bone. Fatal.

**FULL NELSON** - Stand behind the enemy, put your arms under his, and lock your hands behind his head. Bending the neck forward may either break neck, asphyxiate enemy, or cut of supply of spinal fluid to brain, causing brain damage or death.

**HALF NELSON** - Again, standing behind enemy, but one arm is used to pin one of enemy's arms.

**BRAIN BUSTER** - Bend enemy over towards you, placing him in a headlock. Grab the back of his belt, and haul him into the air, vertical, upside-down. Allow yourself to fall backward, landing on your enemy's head, which will absorb your combined weight. Most effective on concrete or gravel.

**RUSSIAN OMELET** - Cross enemy's legs. Fold enemy by pinning his shoulders to ground upside-down and placing his legs above him. Sit on his legs, folding the base of the spine. Fatal.

**HEART PUNCH** - A strongman's attack, it is simply a powerful blow to the heart.  
(Many years ago, the wrestler Ox killed an opposing wrestler with this attack.)

**UPPERCUT** - An upward strike to the bottom of the jaw with the heel of the hand, causing the enemy's head to snap backward. May shatter vertebrae. Fatal.

**ABDOMEN** - A substantial blow to this area may rupture a vital organ, causing death.

**RIB CAGE** - A vicious shattering of the rib cage may cause grave internal bleeding.

**HEAD-TO-WALL PUNCH** - A swift, hard, cold-cock punch to an enemy's face while he is standing near a wall may drive his head into it, causing the back of the skull to shatter fatally.

**PINNED DROP KICK** - Standing behind enemy, holding his arms straight back. A drop kick to the back without releasing arms may sever spine, causing death.

**HEAD WRENCH** - Grabbing an enemy's head by the mouth and the back of the skull, then twisting with a sudden, violent jerk to rend vertebrae, may easily cause death.

**CHOKE HOLD** - Once a favorite of law enforcement officials, has often proved deadly. The right arm goes over the enemy's right shoulder, and grips the back of the head. The left arm comes over his left shoulder, reaches across neck, and grabs own right forearm. With enough pressure applied, causes brain damage or death.

**HEAD YANK** - Bend enemy forward, grab head, and pull back with convincing force. May separate delicate vertebrae, causing death.