

609.379 PERMITTED ACTIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Reasonable force.** Reasonable force may be used upon or toward the person of a child without the child's consent when the following circumstance exists or the actor reasonably believes it to exist:

(a) when used by a parent, legal guardian, teacher, or other caretaker of a child or pupil, in the exercise of lawful authority, to restrain or correct the child or pupil; or

(b) when used by a teacher or other member of the instructional, support, or supervisory staff of a public or nonpublic school upon or toward a child when necessary to restrain the child from self-injury or injury to any other person or property.

Subd. 2. **Applicability.** This section applies to sections 260B.425, 260C.425, 609.255, 609.376, 609.378, and 626.556.

History: 1983 c 217 s 6; 1985 c 266 s 4; 1986 c 444; 1990 c 542 s 19; 1999 c 139 art 4 s 2