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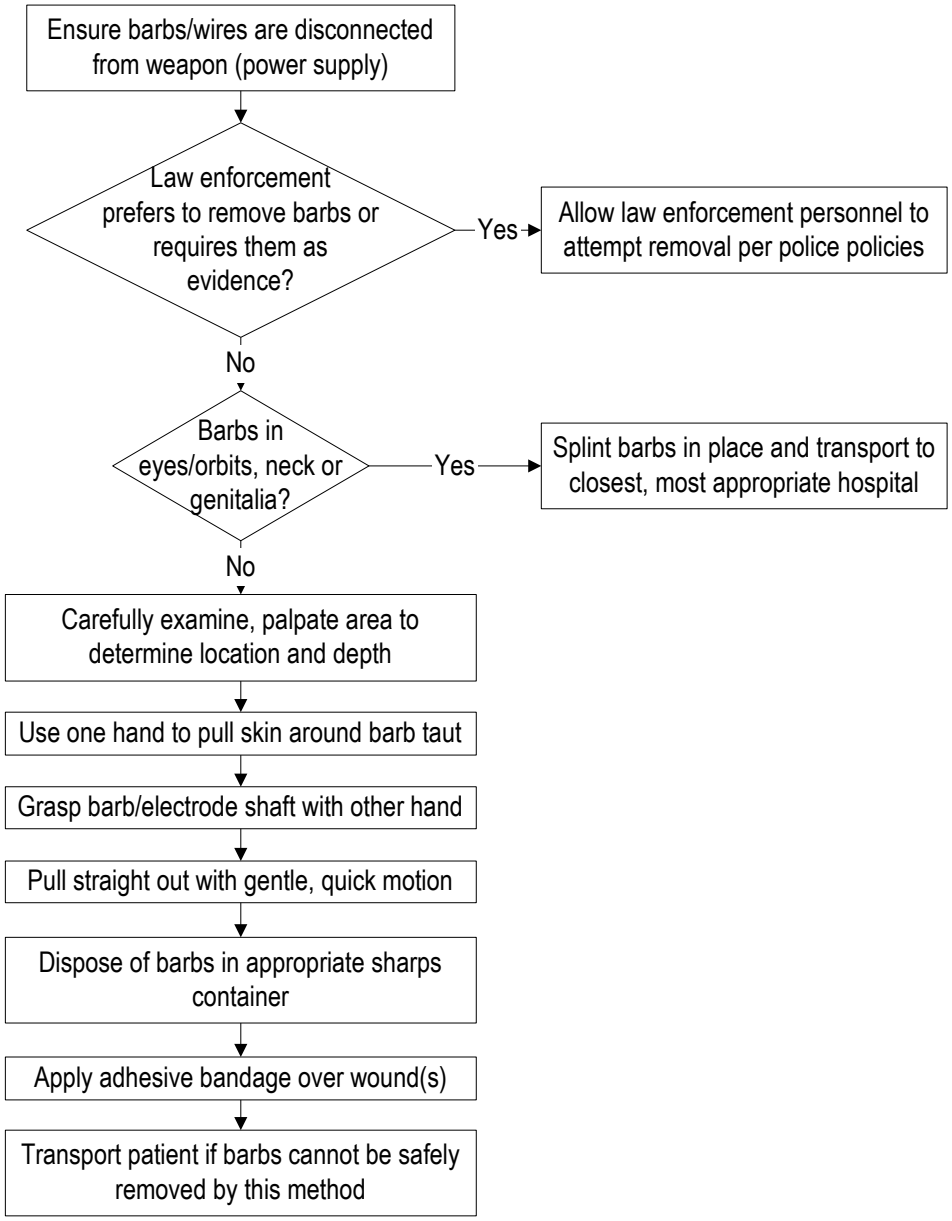

Notes:

- Most conducted energy device barbs have a small bent hook similar to the barbs on a fishhook.
- On most occasions, the conducted energy weapon will cauterize the skin at the site of penetration. Bleeding is usually minimal, and the wound will heal uneventfully.
- When grasping barbs, grasp the metal shaft of the electrode, and not the wires, which are fragile and will break easily. Take care not to grasp any exposed sharp ends.