



Standard Operating Guideline (SOG)

Internal Search

CAUTION:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) REQUIRED TO BE WORN DURING THIS SOG:

THIS SOP APPLIES TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daycare | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |



Breathing Apparatus

Internal search is any entry into a building while under air.

Search and Rescue is an under air entry into a building where the firefighters have reason to believe there are people inside in need of rescue.

If conducting a search and rescue operation: have a charged line with the internal search team.

Fire fighters conducting internal search will always do so in pairs.

Before any internal search is to be conducted there must be an entry control person who will track who is in the building. The entry control person may need to be under air.

Everyone conducting internal search must bring an external flashlight.

There must be a backup team prepared and waiting outside for every internal team in a building.

Before an internal search is conducted any firefighters going inside must view three sides of the building from the outside. The IC must view all four sides first.

Unless otherwise indicated by the IC, firefighters will conduct a right hand search.

Do not alter the ventilation if there is a team in the building.

If there is smoke in the building then conduct the search on hands and knees. It reduces smoke exposure in case of equipment failure and increases visibility.

Always carry a forcible entry tool when conducting an internal search.



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Fire fighters conducting an internal search must be in constant radio communications with the outside.

Use the rule of thirds. 1/3 of a tank to get in, 1/3 of a tank to work, 1/3 of a tank to get out. If your tank pressure drops below 33% - YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY EXIT THE BUILDING.

Blowing the air horn 3 times signals that there is an emergency evacuation. If you are conducting an internal search and you hear an air horn blown 3 times - YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY EXIT THE BUILDING.