

# Madison County Department of Emergency Medical Services

## Standard Operating Guideline



<b>Title</b>	<b>Forced Entry</b>
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### Purpose:

To establish a guideline for the use of forcible entry to gain access to a patient.

### Policy:

1. If you can see the patient from outside the building and get no response, notify the EMS Duty Officer and make forcible entry with as little damage to the structure as possible. Notify the Sheriff's Department prior to gaining access.
2. If you cannot see the patient, do not make entry until law enforcement arrives.
3. If the patient is located inside a vehicle and no key is available and the patient is displaying signs/symptoms, which would indicate an emergency, then carefully break a side window of the vehicle to gain access. Notify the EMS Duty Officer and the Sheriff's Dept. immediately of your situation.
4. The EMS Director must be notified by incident report of the damages resulting from forcible entry.

\*Any questions contact the EMS Duty Officer.