
Purpose

This policy recognizes that Bemidji Police Officers often encounter, and respond to reports of, open doors at businesses and residences.

Policy

It shall be the policy of the Bemidji Police Department to check any found open doors.

Procedure

1. When an officer discovers an open door, contact should be attempted with the owner of the building or residence. Officers should investigate further to determine if the open door was forced entry or an accidental incident. If evidence of any criminal activity exists, the officer should organize a building search in order to secure the building and collect evidence.
2. If the keyholder/owner is not able to be contacted or unable to respond, the officer will document this information in a police report and secure the door as best as practicable
3. The Bemidji Police Department does not assume any responsibility for the security of the business or residence when an owner/keyholder is not available.

Reference or Revision Date(s):

- A. REVISION DATE(S):