



Standard Operating Procedures

Supersedes all previous SOPs related to this subject unless otherwise stated herein.

SOP # SOP2008-01

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Subject: Attic Access

Purpose: To provide a means to enter an attic area without causing unnecessary damage to the structure or its contents during a fire. The specifics of location are a reflection of the Fire Department's concerns and our desire to recognize those concerns.

Attic access is prohibited in closets. Attic access may be placed in hallways, bedrooms, laundry rooms or other readily accessible areas.

Exception: In a walk in closet, (min. 6ft x 5ft) an attic access may be placed in the centerline of the room. The access opening (Min. of 22" x 30") needs to be placed a minimum of 2ft from the door, while still staying on the centerline of the closet. The opening cannot be obstructed by shelves or other items.

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