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FIREFIGHTERS & LEADERS



## Single Firefighter Forcible Entry: Outward-Swinging Door

SCOPE: As limited staffing continues to be a concern for most fire departments, firefighters must do MORE with LESS. Although it is not ideal, a firefighter may be required to force a door by themselves. The following is step-by-step guide to single firefighter forcible entry of an outward-swinging door.



STEP 1: "TRY BEFORE YOU PRY." SIZE UP DOOR. SHOCK DOOR WITH FORK OR FLAT PART OF PIKE/ADZ (HIGH-MIDDLE-LOW).



STEP 2: TO CREATE PURCHASE FOR THE ADZ, CRUSH THE DOOR WITH THE BACK PART OF THE ADZ.



STEP 3: INSERT ADZ INTO THE GAP AND STABILIZE WITH BOTH HANDS.



STEP 3a: TO CREATE MORE STRIKING FORCE FOR THE NEXT STEP, A WEDGE MAY BE PLACED NEAR THE FORK TO CREATE OUTWARD PRESSURE ON THE ADZ.



STEP 4: WITH AXE, DRIVE ADZ INTO THE GAP UNTIL THE ADZ HITS THE DOOR JAMB. START WITH ONE ARM AND FINISH WITH BOTH ARMS SWINGING THE AXE.



STEP 5: WHILE PULLING THE FORK BACK WITH OPPOSITE HAND, DRIVE THE ADZ ALL THE WAY AROUND THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE DOOR.



STEP 6: USE THE LEVERAGE OF YOUR BODY TO PULL BACKWARDS, DEFEATING THE LOCKS.



STEP 7: OPEN DOOR, USING THE HALLIGAN TO SWEEP FOR VICTIMS. ENSURE DOOR CONTROL.