



SEARCH OF PREMISES

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Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board that the requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to comply with these requirements in his/her administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.

1. Subject

The guiding principles under which the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and processes relating to the search of premises.

2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to the search of premises, the Chief of Police shall:

- (a) Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- (b) Ensure that members act with full respect for human dignity and according to professional standards of skill, integrity and accountability;
- (c) Maintains both officer and public safety as a priority;
- (d) Regularly review search of premises procedures to remain current with case law, inquests, inquiry findings and amendments to related legislation; and
- (e) Ensure that officers and other members as appropriate are kept informed of changes in the law relating to search of premises.

3. Measurement Methods/Systems

The Chief of Police shall regularly review the results of any search of premises to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances where the search of premises has resulted in an “exceptional” circumstance, or a circumstance which may be detrimental to the police service; and/or resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

As part of a separate Annual Report on Adequacy Regulation, the Chief of Police shall report on compliance with this section of the policy.

5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, ss. 38(1)(g) and 38(2)

O. Reg. 392/23: Adequate and Effective Policing (General), ss. 6(1) 4. x. and 24(1) 2.

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6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive

I-B-140(F) Consent Search

I-B-131(F) Occupational Exposure to Communicable Diseases

I-B-745(F) Search Warrants- Obtaining and Executing