



## Standard Operating Procedures

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

SOP # SOP2008-01

Effective Date: 1/01/08

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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