

SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 8

Standard Operating Procedures

90.05.01
SPECIAL OPERATIONS,
LOCKED CAR



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Purpose: To provide a guide when responding to an automobile with locked doors.

References: N/A

Procedure:

1. Due to liability, lack of specialized training, and the proper tools, Fire District responders will not make any forcible entry into a private vehicle unless the following conditions exist:
 - a) A life threatening situation, such as children locked in the car and the conditions are such that immediate harm may come to them.
 - b) The vehicle is running and there is potential for a runaway vehicle or fire.
2. If it is not threatening life or property, a roadside assistance provider or tow service should be notified and their response verified. Fire District personnel may stand by in service until the arrival of the roadside assistance provider or tow service.