

SEARCH – VENT ENTER ISOLATE SEARCH

KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- **PPA is an ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATION of VEIS.**
- VEIS is a tactic, not an operational mode. VEIS may be used in multiple different modes (Offensive, Defensive, etc.)
- Remember to search outside the door prior to closing it.
- Let the room vent for a few seconds, read the smoke, and conduct a GO / NO-GO assessment.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Use the buddy system (keeping in mind Voice, Visual, or Touch)
- Notify command of your entry point and coordinate with other teams.
- Place a light and / or hand tool at the opening when you enter so that you know when you have returned to the correct window / door.

PROTOCOL:

1. Ventilate or open up a small area of a structure such as a bedroom by opening up or breaking a window or door.
2. Remove all glass, window hardware and window coverings/draperies allow easy access of search personnel.
3. Defensively search from the opening prior to entering.
4. Maintain constant orientation with your entry point and partner.
5. Sound the floor and enter through the window/opening, **proceed immediately to the door, quickly search outside it, and then CLOSE it!**
 - **If a victim is located on the way to the door, make note and continue to the door. Victim removal takes time, and you will both want the protection provided by the closed door.**
6. Your partner shall monitor you from the opening.
7. Search the room quickly and exit through the same initial opening.
8. Notify the IC that you are out.