

**POLICY
307**

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Eugene Police Department



Welfare Check

307.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Part of the EPD mission is protecting the public. This responsibility includes checking on the well-being of persons who are thought to be in peril. A welfare check is simply an investigation where the purpose of the investigation is to ensure the welfare of the person being checked on. Employees must utilize this policy in concert with all other policies and procedures to conduct welfare checks with diligence.

307.2 COMMUNITY CARETAKING

ORS 133.033 authorizes peace officers to enter or remain on another's premises, to stop/redirect traffic, and to aid persons when it reasonably appears necessary in order to:

- a. Prevent serious harm to a person or property.
- b. Render aid to ill or injured persons.
- c. Locate missing persons

307.3 WELFARE CHECKS

If an employee needs to enter a private premise under this policy, they should make every effort to exhaust all reasonable sources for additional information prior to entering. The following steps should be completed whenever possible:

- a. Check with relatives, neighbors, or others (hospitals) likely to provide helpful details.
- b. Notify your supervisor.
- c. Announce (loudly, from the entrance) that entry will be attempted/made.
- d. Enter with the minimum damage necessary, without endangering the safety of anyone involved.
- e. Advise a responsible party of any damage done and document the incident fully.
- f. Secure the premises whenever possible, or to the best of your ability.

**Chris Skinner
Chief of Police**