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# Tactical Entry Operations and Use of Method of Entry Equipment Policy

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 Tactical Entries to a premises/or part of a premises should be considered when it is necessary to gain a tactical advantage where entry is required quickly in order to secure evidence or to prevent a violent encounter; after alternative options have been considered less appropriate. However, the use of tactical entries should always be proportionate, relevant and necessary, to be used lawfully.
- 1.2 British Transport Police (BTP) officers carry out tactical entries, and use Method of Entry (MOE) equipment to do so. Robust management is required to ensure that BTP complies with the relevant legislation and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guidelines.
- 1.3 BTP requires officers, who are to conduct tactical entries, to be adequately trained in the use of the relevant pieces of equipment and to complete yearly refreshers. BTP will ensure that all officers are provided with approved equipment and that storage and servicing complies with appropriate legislation.
- 1.4 Due to the wide dispersal of limited BTP resources and skills across BTP Areas, compliance with the [Tactical Entry Operations and Use of Method of Entry Equipment Standard Operating Procedure \(SOP\) SOP/200/09](#) is essential for the operational effectiveness of BTP.

## 2. OVERVIEW

- 2.1 This is a new policy and is designed to ensure that all Areas of BTP approach tactical entries and MOE training in a standardised way, to prevent injuries and to prevent excessive damage being caused to property.

2.2 This policy is applicable to England, Wales and Scotland.

**3. APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW**

3.1 This policy is applicable from 27 August 2010. It will be reviewed by August 2012 to ensure that BTP observes best practice and demonstrates continuous improvement.

**4. OWNERSHIP**

4.1 This policy is owned by Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Operations.

4.2 Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to the Operations Department, FHQ.

**5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

5.1 This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the Tactical Entry Operations and Use of Method of Entry Equipment SOP (SOP/200/09).