

No-Knock Search Warrant Application Form

NJ Office of the Attorney General
Division of Criminal Justice



Per AG Directive 2021-12, please complete this form and obtain specified approval prior to presenting any search warrant application with a “no-knock” provision to a court. **Attach a copy of the warrant application to this form.**

I. BASIS FOR NO-KNOCK REQUEST *(check all that apply)*

Please check the applicable boxes relating to specified criteria for a finding of a risk to officer safety or safety of nearby civilians. If “other” selected, please provide brief explanation of the relevant facts.

- Information received that the target of the search warrant or other known occupant of the residence has recently been in possession of a firearm, other weapon or explosives that are readily capable of causing serious bodily injury.
- Information received that there currently are, or recently have been, readily accessible firearms, weapons, or explosives located inside the target residence that are readily capable of causing serious bodily injury.
- The target of the search warrant is being investigated for an offense involving the use or possession of a firearm or other weapon that is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury that has yet to be recovered by law enforcement officers, or is being investigated for an especially violent offense.
- The presence of a fortified structure or exterior surveillance system at the residence capable of being monitored.
- The target of the search warrant or other known occupants of the target residence have a documented history of violent offenses (to include arrests and/or convictions) or offenses involving the use or possession of a firearm (to include arrests and/or convictions). If this factor is applicable and includes arrests and/or convictions, the certification/affidavit shall include a synopsis of the relevant offenses and whether they are arrests or convictions. Additionally, a criminal history sheet shall be attached.
- Information received that the target of the residence or other known occupants of the target residence have been affiliated with a gang or gang activity or terrorist organization or other group that engages in or supports violence against the government or the public.
- The layout of the target residence is such that the risk to officer safety or the safety of nearby civilians is heightened.
- The target of the search warrant or other known occupants of the premises have made threats to harm law enforcement if law enforcement action is taken against them.
- Other risk(s) to officer safety and/or the safety of nearby civilians: *(explain)*

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II. BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS SUPPORTING EACH RELEVANT FACTOR IN SUPPORT OF NO-KNOCK REQUEST

The submitting officer must include a concise set of facts in support of the request for a no-knock provision below based upon the factors cited above.

If approved, said set of facts must be included in the affidavit under a section entitled: REQUEST FOR NO-KNOCK WARRANT and must articulate all applicable factors (*facts specific to the case*) which form the basis for the no-knock warrant request.

The facts supporting the request for a no-knock provision are as follows:

III. APPROVAL

Submitting law enforcement agency:

Agency Name

Reviewing prosecutor:

Name

_____/_____/_____
Date

County Prosecutor or senior legal staff designee approval:

Name

_____/_____/_____
Date

Title