

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: FEBRUARY 15, 2022 1700 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 22-08
SUBJECT: UPDATE - UNSECURED BUILDINGS
COST CENTER: 1914131213
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: D.P. 6.10- UNSECURED BUILDINGS

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Department to be records of security procedures and are exempt from
disclosure under the California Public Records Act (CPRA), Government
Code Section 6254 (f).**

Officers shall follow Department Procedure 6.10, Unsecured Buildings, when they encounter an unsecure building. In the past, and when appropriate, officers called Communications Division to have a vendor respond to board and secure unsecure buildings. The Police Department does not currently contract with any vendors authorized to provide the boarding up and securing of unsecured buildings. The Department is in the process of working with the Purchasing and Contracting Department to contract for this work.

Until the Department selects a contractor, members of the Department shall not contact or direct non-contracted vendors to board and secure unsecured buildings. Upon discovering an unsecured building, officers shall notify Communications Division, giving the name and address of the establishment, and then follow procedures in DP 6.10.

If in the course of evaluating an unsecured building, an officer determines that an immediate public health or safety hazard would likely exist if the building is left unsecured AND an owner or responsible party is not able to respond to take possession of the property in a timely manner (approximately 60 minutes), the officer shall notify a supervisor who shall evaluate the situation. An unsecured building that could cause an immediate public health or safety hazard is a firearms dealer, cannabis outlet or production facility, propane gas facility, biotech firms or other business containing chemicals that could present a hazard or be utilized as a weapon. The supervisor shall contact the Field Lieutenant and the Field Lieutenant will determine what further actions are necessary. In some instances, it may be necessary to remain on the premises until the owner or a representative arrives.

Questions related to this Department Order can be directed to the Critical Incident Management Unit, **(Deleted – records of security)**.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.