

Editor’s Introduction to Search & Seizure Guidebook, 2025 edition

Written in plain English, *Search and Seizure Law Guidebook* often serves as a first-line resource for law enforcement officers who need to quickly determine when a warrant is required, whether a situation involves exigent circumstances, and whether consent has been given. The straightforward question-and-answer format covers:

- Federal law regarding Fourth Amendment basics, warrants, and situations where warrantless searches occur, with consent, in plain view/plain feel, on abandoned property, and at common areas
- Important state cases and differences among state laws

Highlights of the 2025 edition include:

- Additional quiz question for “Was there a seizure?” (§ 1:7)
- Expanded discussion of whether the mere odor of marijuana alone in a state where the drug is legal can be used to justify a vehicle search (§ 10:7)
- New quiz question for “Were these items abandoned?” (§ 11:6)
- Enhanced coverage of searches of devices seized at the border (§ 12:6)