

UPWDA Building Search Certification

K9 Teams must obtain Obedience Certification and Aggression Control Certification prior to testing for Building Search Certification.

This certification test is to determine the team's ability to find a hidden suspect or suspects in the following structures and/or open areas:

Residences, warehouses, businesses, schools, hotels, offices, and other similar structures.

This test may be conducted on or off lead. If lead is used, it must be a minimum of twenty feet.

- The handler will send his/her dog into the building after giving commands.
- The dog must go into the building and make an obvious alert as to the location of the decoy.
- The handler will then go into the building, using cover, and locate his/her dog.
- The handler will then confirm, with the Master Trainer, the location of the decoy, and then call his dog back to himself or herself.
- The handler will then give commands for the decoy to come out.
- The decoy will open the door.

If the dog fails to alert at the location of the decoy, it is a failure.