



Office of Training  
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# New Jersey Division of Fire Safety

## BASIC PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION REPORT

Skill sheet #

**FF1-75**

Certification title

**Firefighter 1**  
**Opening an Interior Wall**

### Applicant Information

Candidate name

DFS ID #

Course #

### Evaluation

**Standard:**  
NFPA 1001, 2019 Edition  
**Skill Drill 19-16**  
Fire Fighter I, 4.3.13

**Task**

Properly open an interior wall.

**Conditions and Outcome**

The candidate shall be provided with a wall to be opened up, full personal protective equipment, and an axe. The candidate shall demonstrate how to open an interior wall.

**Student must successfully pass all Task Steps with 100 percent to pass this skill sheet**

Number	Task Steps	First Test		Retest #1		Retest #2	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
1	Determine which area of the wall will be opened.						
2	Use the axe blade to begin cutting near the top of the wall. Cut downward between wall studs. Be alert for electrical switches or receptacles, as they indicate the presence of electrical wires behind the wall.						
3	Make two vertical cuts, using the pick end of the axe to pull the wall material away from the studs and open the wall. Work from top to bottom. Remove items such as baseboards or window and door trim with a Halligan tool or axe.						
4	Continue opening additional sections of the wall until the desired area is open. Pull out any insulation, such as fiberglass, found behind the wall.						
<b>Final Test Result for Entire Task</b>							

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