

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

I. GOALS

- Students will refresh their memory regarding probable cause and reasonable suspicion.
- Students will receive an overview of federal and state constitutional rights related to search and seizure.
- Students will be introduced to the balance of a citizen's rights versus law enforcements' need to fight crime.

II. METHODOLOGY AND TIMING

A. LECTURE

- Search and Seizure (PT I)
 - Lecture on US Constitution and Texas Constitution Search and Seizure Amendments
 - Introduction to search warrants
 - Exceptions to warrants

B. ACTIVITY

- Search and Seizure Opinion Poll
 - Students will review five hypotheticals and rate their agreement with the use of material seized by police in charging the defendant.
 - We will review each hypo and students should be prepared to defend their opinion with the state constitution and known exceptions to warrants.

III. MATERIALS

- Powerpoint
- Search and Seizure Activity Worksheet

IV. EVALUATION