Breaching a Framed Wall

Note: There are many different materials that make up interior and exterior walls. This drill will focus on breaching those walls constructed of drywall and 2x4 wood framing.

Step One
Chose an appropriate location for a wall breach and assure that there are no HVAC vents or electrical outlets near the chosen location.

Step Two
Using an appropriate tool, penetrate the wall completely through the other side and assure that there are no obstacles on the other side.

Step Three
After making sure that the other side is clear of obstacles and any hostile environments proceed in making the opening large enough to get through. Remember that most walls have 2x4 studs that are 16-inches on center. The firefighter can expand this opening by striking the stud at the bottom near the sole plate. Next, make sure that the area beyond the wall opening is safe for entering.

Step Four
Proceed through the opening. The arms and head should go first to allow the arms to pull the rest of the body through the opening.