

Table 11-1 Exceptions to the Search Warrant Requirement

Exception	Conditions
Searches incident to a valid arrest	Police without a warrant may search a validly arrested person in order to disarm the suspect, prevent the destruction of evidence, and remove possible means of escape.
Searches under exigent circumstances	Police without a warrant may search and seize if delay would endanger lives, result in the loss of evidence that is about to be destroyed, or if the police are in “hot pursuit” of a suspect who might escape.
Consent searches	Police without a warrant may search upon receiving permission, voluntarily given.
Safety searches	Police without a warrant may search and seize if they believe there is a danger to themselves or the public.
Searches with a reduced expectation of privacy	Police without a warrant may search people at the U.S. border and, with probable cause, automobiles and their occupants.
Plain view seizures	Police without a warrant may seize evidence of a crime, contraband, or other seizable item that is openly visible and observed by a police officer who is lawfully present.