

HOW TO RAM A BARRICADE

1 Identify the barricade's weakest point.

The side of the barricade or gate that opens, or the place where a lock holds it closed, is usually its most vulnerable spot. Some barricades and gates have no locks at all: These are opened and closed by the force of an electric motor or magnet, which can be overpowered rather than rammed (see below).

2 Aim for the weak spot.

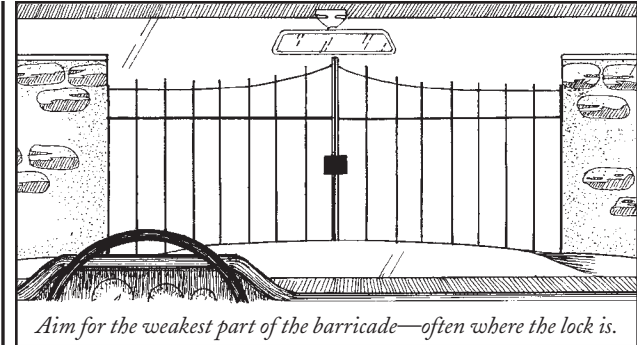
If possible, use the rear of the car to ram the weak spot—hitting with the front may damage the engine and cause the car to stall.

3 Accelerate to a speed of 30 to 45 mph.

Too rapid an approach will cause unnecessary damage to the car. Keep your foot on the gas all the way through. Consider how much room you will need to turn or stop once you clear the barricade.

4 Duck just before impact if you are heading toward an extremely tall barricade or fence.

Pieces of the barricade may come through your window or the windshield may shatter.



5 Avoid poles or anchors that are sunk into the ground.

These may bend and not break, and then drag against and damage the underside of the car, preventing you from driving.

6 Repeat as necessary to break through.

ELECTRONIC GATES

Electrically powered gates that swing open and closed (like those found in gated communities and apartment complexes) are best pushed open rather than rammed. Pushing or forcing the gate open with your car will result in minimal damage and will almost always open the gate. If you are traveling in the direction the gate opens, simply ease your bumper up to the gate and push. Your car will easily overpower the small electric motor that operates the gate.