# CERT Size-Up

# Gather Facts

- Time of event and day of week
- Construction type / terrain
- Occupancy
- Weather
- Hazards
- Search subject profile

# Assess and Communicate Damage

The CERT mission depends on damage level.

- Light:      treat survivors in place
- Medium:  evacuate survivors
- Heavy:     do not enter

**Gather Facts** → **Assess & Communicate Damage** → **Consider Probabilities**

# Consider Probabilities

- How stable is the situation?
- What secondary factors should be considered?
- What else could go wrong?
- What does it mean for the search and rescue?

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## Assess Your Situation

- Is it safe enough to continue?
- What risks will rescuers face?
- What resources are needed?
- What resources are available?

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# Establish Priorities

- What should be done?
- In what order?
- How do you rescue the greatest number in the shortest amount of time?

**Establish Priorities**

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# Make Decisions

Keep in mind:
- Safety of CERT members
- Life safety for survivors and others
- Protection of the environment
- Protection of property

Establish Priorities

Make Decisions

Gather Facts → Assess & Communicate Damage → Consider Probabilities → Assess Your Own Situation → Establish Priorities → Make Decisions → Develop Plan of Action

# Develop Plan of Action

- Focus on established priorities and decisions
- Document plan for responding agencies
- Document plan for CERT records

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Take Action
Act according to the plan

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**Evaluate Progress**
- The most critical step
- Monitor the plan's safety and effectiveness

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is a continual process

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- Take Action
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PLAN
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DO
Take Action → Evaluate Progress