

# **TO ENTER OR NOT TO ENTER**

## **Plan Based on Extent of Structural Damage**

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### **Before Entering:**

1. Determine that it is necessary to enter
2. **Size-up and classify the building:**

- **LIGHT damage** = Superficial or cosmetic damage, broken windows, fallen or cracked plaster or chimney; minor damage to contents

#### ✓ **SAFE TO ENTER**

- Treat airways, major bleeding, low-temp. Head-to-toe assessment on site OK
- Transport only if better for patient; 'Immediates' 1st. Splint before transport
- Shut off utilities as needed if safe. Extinguish small fires

- **MODERATE damage** = Greater exterior & contents damage, but not leaning and still attached to foundation

#### ✓ **ONLY ENTER TO SAVE A LIFE: LIMIT TIME, # OF PEOPLE GOING IN**

- Life-threat treatments only. Transport *all* patients immediately -start with easiest to transport = Greatest good for greatest number.
- Shut off utilities as needed, if safe. Extinguish small fires

- **HEAVY damage** = Partial or total structural collapse, tilting or off foundation, smoke, fire, flooding, gas, &/or hazards

**DO NOT ENTER:** Cordon off. Log status. Report to Team Lead if people inside.

- Warn others to stay out. Shut off utilities as needed, if safe to do so
- Can try to communicate with survivors inside; throw in water bottles, if safe