

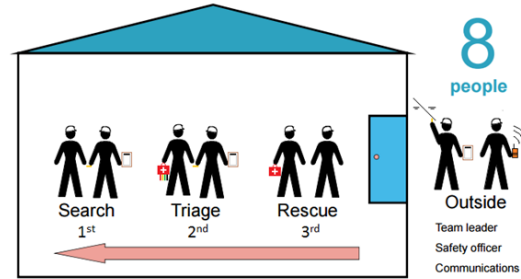
Light Search, Triage, and Rescue

Community Emergency Response Team

Pre-plan

1. Organize your team

- ___ Have proper safety equipment and tools
- ___ Teams should be of 8 people
- ___ Decide on duties: Search, Triage, Rescue, Outside
- ___ Decide on signals (whistles) and the time limit for search
- ___ Have a plan and stick to it (Greatest good for the greatest number)
- ___ Set priorities (check for potential hazards, help lightly trapped victims, locate injured victims)



Search Team Functions

Before Entering

1. Classify the building

- ___ Light damage- safe to enter
- ___ Medium damage- only enter to save a life
- ___ Heavy damage- do NOT enter, wait for professional rescuers

Entering

1. Enter IF deemed necessary

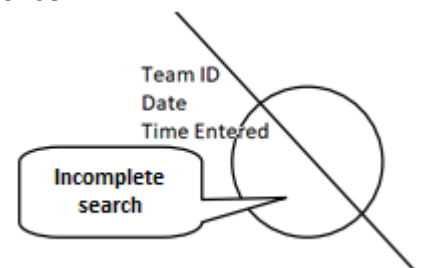
- ___ Look for a hidden key, open window, or use forcible entry if necessary
- ___ Feel the door for heat (back of hand, bottom to top), check for smoke
- ___ Announce "CERT team is coming in!"
- ___ Mark half of "X" near the point of entry
 - ___ Team ID, Date of entry, Time of entry
- ___ Prop the door open and set an illumination source at the entrance as a reference point
- ___ Call out "If you can walk, safely come towards me!" listen for a response
- ___ If people come out, ask them for information

Team ID
Date
Time Entered

Light Search

1. Use a systematic search pattern

- ___ Right or Left handed "Box" search pattern
- ___ Stay together and along walls
- ___ Look up, down, left, right, over, and under
- ___ Search areas of entrapment (in closets, tubs, under desks, tables, beds, toppled shelves)

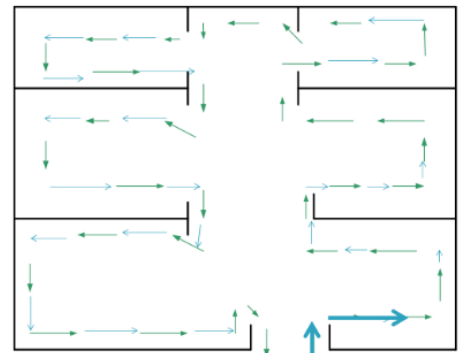


2. While searching

- ___ Move slowly while testing the floor with each step
- ___ Continuously call out and listen for a response or movement
- ___ Write down the location and types of hazards that you find
- ___ Expect aftershocks, fire, or other hazards
- ___ Always look for the closest way out

3. When you come across victims

- ___ Rescue lightly trapped people
- ___ Write down location of victims and keep count of victims
- ___ Assure them that "Help is on the way" "We know you're here, someone is coming to help"



4. Focus on your task

- ___ Complete your search and get out
- ___ Share your findings with your team
- ___ Indicate Hazards and Actions Taken to the right of the "X"

Team ID
Date
Time Entered

Hazards
& Actions
Taken

S.T.A.R.T. Triage

1. At the entrance

- ___ Wear your PPEs and have Triage Kit ready
- ___ Tag any victims that come out during Search
- ___ Start where you stand
 - ___ Yell "If you can walk, safely come towards me!"
 - ___ Tag all walking wounded victims as Minor (GREEN)
 - ___ Retain some uninjured volunteers to assist you if needed

2. Categorize the victims

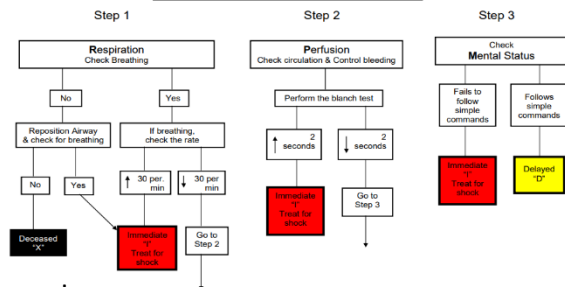
- ___ Use RPM. Tag victims as Immediate (RED), Delayed (YELLOW), or Dead (BLACK)
- ___ Only do Rapid Treatment for Immediate (RED) victims if needed

4. Focus on your task

- ___ Complete Triage and get out
- ___ Share your findings with your team

Triage Flow Chart

All walking wounded are Minor "M"



Rescue

1. Wear your PPEs and have Medical and Rescue supplies ready

2. Collect information from the Triage team

- ___ know how many victims, where they are located, and the hazards

3. Treat and remove patients in order of importance

- ___ Stop the bleeding, stabilize impaled objects, splint before moving a victim!
- ___ Treat and remove all Immediate (RED) victims first
- ___ Treat and remove all Delayed (YELLOW) victims second
- ___ Leave the Dead (BLACK)

Leaving

1. Make sure the entire team has exited

2. Complete the "X"

- ___ Bottom of "X" write the number of people left inside
 - ___ How many inside are Dead (D)
 - ___ How many inside are Living (L)
- ___ Top of "X" write the Date and Time of exit

