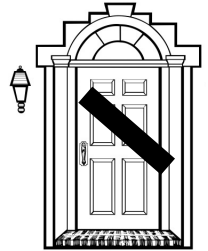


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MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD - "mine"

Appendix G - Basic Search & Rescue Procedures

1. Dress in long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and sturdy boots. Leather gloves, a hard hat, and a flashlight are essential. Goggles, a dust mask, and a small first aid kit to take care of your own basic needs are also good ideas.
2. Establish who your partner will be. Never conduct a search and rescue alone.
3. YOUR SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT. If the house is significantly damaged and you feel it is unsafe to enter, respect your feelings. Do not go in.
4. Before you enter each home, place 1/2 of a large tape "X" on the front door. This signals to the neighborhood your exact location.
5. Before you enter each home, feel the top and bottom of the door with the back of your hand. If it is hot, do not enter. If it is cool, cautiously open the door.
6. Check the door jamb, and its accompanying wall and ceiling for cracks and splinters. If the house appears unsafe, do not enter.
7. Enter the house low, preferably on your knees. Be alert. Watch for falling objects.
8. While still in the entry way, smell for the odor of natural gas. If you can smell it, open the front and back doors and as many windows as you are able *without going inside* to provide ventilation. Enter the house only when the smell of the gas is gone.
9. While still in the entry way, loudly call out, "Is anyone here?" Listen for a response. If someone answers, ask them to tell you where they are, and what type of help they need. Pause occasionally during the search to listen for cries, moans, or other indicators of someone needing help.
10. Systematically search each room. Do not wander aimlessly. Stay with your partner. Communicate frequently. Pay careful attention to these critical areas: under beds, behind furniture, inside closets, under stairs, and inside tubs or showers.
11. If it is dark, slowly sweep each room with your flashlight. Frequently check the floor and the ceiling of the area you are in for hazards. Protect your own safety.
12. If it is dark, keep in contact with the wall. It is easy to become disoriented after experiencing trauma. Should you become disoriented, following the wall will eventually lead you back to the original entry door.
13. If you find a victim, get several neighbors to help move her/him as quickly as possible to a neighbor's home (NOT to the Neighborhood Care Center – you will not want to add to the trauma some neighbors have already experienced).
14. Upon completion of the search, complete the tape "X" on the door. This signals to the neighborhood that the house has been checked and is okay.



NOTE:
You will need blue painter's tape to do this. Other tapes will leave a very sticky residue.



Remember: There is no golden rule for risking your life to rescue others. If your attempts are obviously beyond your physical capacity or skill, you may lose your life, and you may endanger others coming to your aid. *Sometimes it takes wisdom and courage to wait for help.*