



Everyone Goes Home®

Building Collapse

Response

- Remember: Everyone Goes Home!
- Ensure all crew members are wearing seatbelts
- Ensure all crew members are wearing Personal Protective Clothing
- Confirm incident location
- Determine quickest and safest route of response
- Consider running routes of other responding units
- Approach the scene safely
- Position apparatus
 - STAGE AWAY FROM COLLAPSE ZONE
 - Prevent additional collapse
- Assess resource needs
 - Proper number of technical rescue personnel
 - Specialized equipment
 - Cranes
 - Canine
 - Structural Engineer
 - USAR Team
 - Scene control
 - Utilities

Size-Up / Operations

- Conduct a 360 degree assessment
- Perform risk analysis
- Consider Life Safety Hazards
- Secure the scene
- Survey scene safety
- Assess environmental factors and weather
- Determine Rescue Profile
 - Determine/Request Advance Life Support Response
- Establish perimeter
 - Request law enforcement
- Determine building type
- Determine building construction
- Assess type of collapse
 - Pancake
 - Lean to
 - Partial collapse
 - Complete collapse
- Assess hazards
 - Secondary collapse
 - Fire
 - Gas leaks
 - Broken water pipes
 - Broken water mains
 - Downed power lines
 - Hazardous energy
 - Lock Out / Tag Out
 - Hazmat presence
 - Asbestos

- PCB's
- Other
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- Confirm location of victims
- Confirm number of victims
- Establish communication with victims
- Triage victims
- Treat victims
- Control vibrations
- Turn off apparatus
- Ensure scene stability
- Identify operational zones
- Monitor air quality
- Assemble recon resources
- Pre-plans
- Building plans
- Occupants familiar with the building
- Perform ventilation
- Establish equipment staging area
- Limit exposure to personnel
- Fire hazards
- Psychological stressors
- Life Safety**
- Maintain situational awareness
- Ensure proper PPE is worn including respiratory protection (dust/particulate matter)
- Establish Rapid Intervention Team (RIT)
- Determine rescue needs
- Determine/Request Advanced Life Support Response

- Determine recovery needs
- Determine if there is/isn't a life hazard
- Shut off utilities
- Locate entry/egress points
- Perform rehabilitation
- Establish second means of egress
- Continually reassess situation and structural integrity
- Call for more resources, if needed
- Establish Safety Zones
- Restrict access
- Preserve the scene for investigation
- Recovery**
 - Monitor air quality
 - Conduct After Action Review
 - What was our mission?
 - What went well?
 - What could have gone better?
 - What might we have done better?
 - Who needs to know?

This checklist covers operational tasks, duties, and responsibilities that must be accomplished by personnel when responding to and operating on a building collapse incident. Personnel operating on technical search and rescue operations should meet NFPA Standard 1670 and never operate beyond the scope of their training. This checklist is meant to provide memory joggers to assist in completing critical tasks when responding to and operating on an emergency incident. This checklist does not supplant training, education and experience.