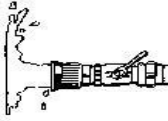


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Be Nice

Prevent Harm

Survive

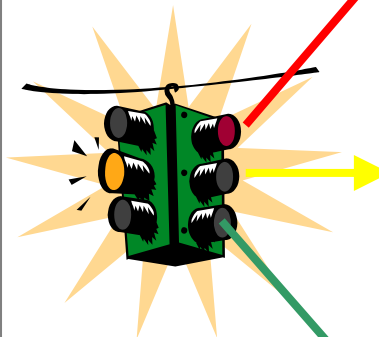
Size Up for Safety



When firefighters respond to a working fire the first thing they do is a size-up. The size-up takes into account critical factors like the address of the fire, the type of construction of the structure, the time of the day, the number of possible occupants in the structure, the progress of the fire, and the risk of making an aggressive attack. This size-up begins before the call is even dispatched when firefighters study their area for the hazards they may face. More importantly, the size-up continues throughout the operation so that firefighters know when they need to change their tactics and strategy in order to be safe and effective.

Size Up Plan

1. Evaluate every situation for hidden dangers.
2. Identify the critical factors that could potentially make your surroundings dangerous (i.e. drugs, alcohol, weapons, etc.).
3. Evaluate every situation for the best way out if conditions change.
4. If something doesn't feel right listen to your feelings.
5. If one of your friends feels something is not right listen to your friend.
6. Let your parents know where you are and who you are with at all times.



RED

High Risk: This situation has a high likelihood of harming you. Due to factors that you cannot control you are in grave danger. **GET TO SAFETY!!!!**

Yellow

Marginal Risk: This situation is NOT safe but you may not have identified the exact reason. Doesn't feel right. **STAY UNCOMMITTED AND REASSESS!!!**

Green

Low Risk: You have identified the critical factors and you are safe. These situations can be fun but don't lower your guard. **HAVE FUN BUT REASSESS AGAIN!!!**