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AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS

Having a written mishap response action posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period. Response plans have to be briefed to all on the crew.

- Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.
- Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:
 - Preserve life. Rescuers first!!!
 - Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
 - Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
 - Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.
- Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.
- Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.
- Do not exceed your physical limitations.
- **Activity:** *Review your unit's mishap response plan with the crew. Consider practicing with a crash rescue drill or scenario.*

References:

[NFES-2659 Interagency Aviation Mishap Response Guide and Checklist](#)

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