

Tactical Watch Outs

Position

1. Building fireline downhill.
2. Building underslung or mid-slope fireline.
3. Building indirect fireline, or unburned fuel remains between you and the fire.
4. Attempting frontal assault on the fire, or you are delivered by aircraft to the top of the fire.
5. Terrain and/or fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.

Situations

6. Small fire transitioning to a larger fire or an isolated area of a large fire.
7. Suppression resources are fatigued or inadequate.
8. Assignment depends on aircraft support.
9. Night-time operations.
10. Wildland-Urban interface operations.

Each of these Watch Outs require that you implement appropriate hazard control(s).

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