

WAC 296-305-05111 Technical rescue safety. (1) General.

(a) All employees must be trained on:

(i) The hazards and risks associated with department's chosen level of technical rescue operations.

(ii) How to conduct technical rescue operations at the department's chosen level while minimizing threats to rescuers.

(iii) How to use PPE.

(b) Employees assigned specific duties and functions must be trained and qualified by their department prior to being assigned those duties or functions.

(c) When employees are operating in positions or performing functions that pose a high potential risk for injury, employees qualified in basic life support must be standing by.

(2) Emergency evacuation. Departments must establish a procedure for members to abandon the technical rescue area and to account for their safety when an imminent hazard condition is discovered. This must include a method for notifying all members in the affected area immediately.

(3) Technical rescue safety officer. The incident commander must assign an incident safety officer with the requisite knowledge and responsibility for the identification, evaluation, and with the authority to correct hazardous conditions and unsafe practices, at all emergency scene operations and training exercises.

(4) Incident management. Departments must use an ICS at all technical rescue incidents and training exercises.

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