

POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO C.E.R.T. PERSONNEL

What is the magnitude of the problem? Is this one isolated incident, is it a local incident, or is it area wide? You will need to answer these questions before you begin any operations. This will give you an idea of the scope of the problem and what your needs will be.

When doing search and rescue you are the most important person at did scene. If something happens to you the operation stops. Not only is one person injured and out of commission but the whole team will be needed to get you to safety. So remember to take all possible precautions to protect your safety.

DON'T BECOME A VICTIM.

OVERHEAD HAZARDS:

- Leaning buildings, walls, and utility poles could fall
- Overhanging pieces of a building may be loosened by quake and fall (signs, cornices, decorative work, chimneys, porches, canopies, etc)
- Utility wires could cause electrocution

ASSUME ALL WIRES ARE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED

GROUND LEVEL HAZARDS:

- Sharp objects
 - glass, nails, broken concrete. re-bar
- Slippery uneven surfaces caused by ground movement and water leaks
- Accumulation of surface water due to water leaks
 - electrocution if contacting energized wires
 - drowning
 - obscures view of walking surface .
- People
- Animals

BELOW GRADE HAZARDS:

- Contaminated atmosphere in confined spaces such as basements due to gas leaks or smoke - flammable, toxic, or oxygen deficient
- Flooding due to water leaks
 - drowning
 - electrocution
- Debris

ALWAYS BE AWARE OF POTENTIAL HAZARDS AROUND YOU!!