

DISASTER RE-ENTRY CHECKLIST

- 1) Has everyone known/believed to have been inside been accounted for?
Have all injuries been/being attended to?
- 2) Has permission been given by civil authorities to re-enter?
 - a. Police
 - b. Fire Dept
 - c. Government inspection services; building inspector for structural plumbing and electrical
 - d. Health Dept.
 - e. Other (e.g., Nat'l. Guard)
 - f. Is the building structurally sound?
- 3) If indicated, have utilities been turned-off?
 - a. Electricity
 - Lighting available
 - Check for shorts and fires
 - b. Gas
 - Potential for leaks and explosion
 - c. Water
 - Fire suppression
 - Domestic supply
 - Storm sewer drains
- 4) Do you have a buddy to go with you? Never enter or work alone.
- 5) Are you equipped with appropriate protective equipment?
(e.g., flashlight, boots, hardhat, gloves, respirator, goggles)
- 6) Do you have communications established?
 - a. Command center informed about re-entry?
 - b. Equipment? e.g., walkie-talkies, cell phone
 - Does the equipment work inside the building?
 - Is there back-up equipment or alternatives?

- 7) Do you have means for quick initial documentation?
 - a. Paper & pencils
 - b. Camera with film and extra batteries?
 - c. Camcorder with extra tape and batteries?
 - d. Tape recorder with extra batteries

- 8) Do you understand your objective?
 - a. This is NOT a salvage or recovery mission.
 - b. This IS an initial assessment only.
 - Identify specific locations, types , and extent of damage
 - Assessment in general terms only: “Broad strokes”