



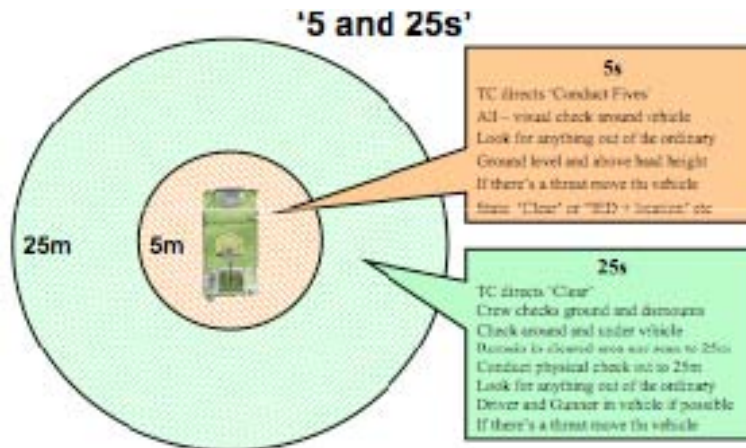
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Securing Your Staging Area

General: The purpose of 5 and 25-meter checks is to ensure you are staging in a safe place. They require the entire crew to read the terrain and avoid areas likely to conceal IEDs (secondary devices).



5-meter Checks: Initial check conducted from within the protection of the response vehicle. Identify the best position to stop then carry out a visual check. Check for disturbed earth and suspicious objects. Work from ground level and continue up above head height. Once the vehicle is stopped, conduct an immediate physical check of the ground before dismounting and then check around and under the vehicle. Then clear the area out to 5 meters around your vehicle. Be systematic and take your time. Use a white flashlight at night.

25-meter Checks: Once 5 meter checks are completed, continue scanning out to 25 meters from your staging area checking for potential IED indicators and anything else out of the ordinary. Be aware of possible victim operated devices. Be on the lookout for any potential triggerman observing your actions. Remain calm on identifying any IEDs as hasty actions may alert the triggerman to function the device.

NEVER TOUCH OR PICKUP AN IED -CALL EOD!

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