

WATCH OUT SITUATIONS

1. Fire not scouted and sized up.
2. In country not seen in daylight.
3. Safety zones and escape routes not identified.
4. Unfamiliar with weather and local factors influencing fire behavior.
5. Uninformed on strategy, tactics, and hazards.
6. Instructions and assignments not clear.
7. No communication link with crew members or supervisor.
8. Constructing line without safe anchor point.
9. Building fireline downhill with fire below.
10. Attempting frontal assault on fire.
11. Unburned fuel between you and fire.
12. Cannot see main fire; not in contact with someone who can.
13. On a hillside where rolling material can ignite fuel below.
14. Weather becoming hotter and drier.
15. Wind increases and/or changes direction.
16. Getting frequent spot fires across line.
17. Terrain and fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.
18. Taking a nap near fireline.

Briefing Checklist



Situation

- Fire name, location, map orientation, other incidents in area
- Terrain influences
- Fuel type and conditions
- Fire weather (previous, current, and expected)
Winds, RH, Temperature, etc.
- Fire behavior (previous, current, and expected)
Time of day, Alignment of slope and wind, etc.

Mission/Execution

- Command
Incident Commander/Immediate supervisor
- Leader's intent
Overall strategy/objectives
- Specific tactical assignments
- Contingency plans

Communications

- Communication plan
Tactical, Command, Air-to-ground frequencies
Cell phone numbers
- Medevac plan

Service/Support

- Other resources
Working adjacent and those available to order
Aviation operations
- Logistics
Transportation
Supplies and equipment

Risk Management

- Identify known hazards and risks
- Identify control measures to mitigate hazards/reduce risk
- Identify trigger points for re-evaluating operations

Questions or Concerns?

