



Psych.E.In. MOOC 1

Unit 7

4.2 - Questions to assess emergency situation, resources and risks

Starting questions

- What initially happened to create the emergency?
- How long has it been since the initial event?
- What may have caused the emergency?
- Do you suspect criminal activity?

What is happening now?

- Are there injuries or safety concerns?
- Is immediate intervention needed to save lives?
- What are the risks to emergency responders?
- Are crowds and bystanders at risk?
- Are there routes to gain access to the incident scene?

What is likely to happen next?

- Is the situation stable or getting worse?
- Is there a possibility that secondary incidents could occur?
- Are there continuing threats or hazards?
- Can these and any other safety considerations be handled with resources on scene or en route?

What factors affect the response?

- Is the weather or wind affecting the response?
- Is the time of day a factor? Is it getting dark?

- Are responders familiar with the incident scene or building layout?
- Are there hazardous materials or other dangers near the incident scene?
- Are there security concerns?
- Does evidence need to be preserved?

What resources are needed and available?

- What resources will be required?
- Are those resources immediately available or will they be delayed?
- How should the available resources be best deployed now?

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