

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

1. Render immediate first aid and stabilize the victim.
2. Contact EMS or air ambulance system.
3. Give your name, company & how to be recontacted (radio frequency, phone number).
4. Give the best geographical location of the accident scene: *section, township, range, physical landmarks, latitude & longitude.*
5. Describe location of injury: head, neck and/or back, etc.
6. What is the nature of injury: amputation, fracture, severed artery, etc.
7. Type of accident: logging, car, snowmobile, etc.
8. Give your radio frequency. This should be posted near the radio.
9. If possible, dispatch a ground ambulance to back up the helicopter.

KALISPELL

A.L.E.R.T.

The Advanced Lifesupport Emergency Rescue Team

HELICOPTER AIR AMBULANCE

911 or (406) 752-9797

BILLINGS

St. Vincent Healthcare



24-Hour Emergency Medical
Response & Rapid Air Transport

911 or 1-800-538-4357

GREAT FALLS

**MERCY
FLIGHT**

Columbus Hospital

Montana Deaconess
Medical Center

911 or 1-800-972-4000

MISSOULA



AIR MEDICAL TRANSPORT

**911 or
1-888-487-8635**

St. Patrick Hospital
Life Flight

24 Hour Helicopter
Ambulance Service

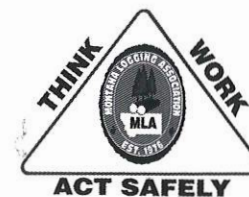
**911 or
(406) 329-5635**

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**Statewide
Helicopter-Ambulance
Coverage Information**

**Emergency Contact Numbers
Statewide Emergency and
Response Time Map**



*All of Montana's forest land is serviced by
a Helicopter-Ambulance Service.*

BEFORE **AN EMERGENCY**

DISCUSS WITH YOUR CREW

- How to use your radio
- Who to contact:
 - Base Station
 - Someone near a phone. Make sure everyone knows the phone number of the helicopter service. (Information stickers available from the MLA)

IF LOG TRUCKERS ARE YOUR CONTACT, MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THE PROCEDURE

- Location of your job
 - Record - township, range, section of current job near radio, latitude and longitude.
- Radio Frequency
 - Helicopter can tune to your specific frequency if they know it. Otherwise, write frequency number on helicopter sticker and post near radio in mobile or phone at base station.
- Landing Area
 - Need area 100' in diameter with less than a 5 degree slope. Generally, landings and road switchbacks will work. When in doubt - clear a landing.
- First Aid
 - Assure ALL crew members are trained. Arrange for First Aid/ CPR training. **Call the MLA.**

Helicopter services have multi-channel radios. They can dial our frequencies to provide air-to-ground communication at the scene. They also have radio communication with the hospital.

Advise weather, wind, and possible landing site and landing site hazards such as snags, trees, equipment.

LANDING AREA

1. Crews shall have previously identified landing areas; in addition, alternative landing sites should have been identified.
2. 100 feet in diameter; clear of wires, trees, emergency vehicles, trash cans, signs, loose objects.
3. Surface should be smooth when possible, with no more than a 5 degree slope.

HELICOPTER SAFETY RULES

1. **DO NOT APPROACH THE HELICOPTER.** The flight team will come to you. If it is necessary to approach, the pilot will signal you. Always approach from the front.
2. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED NEAR THE TAIL ROTOR.**
3. **NO SMOKING** within 50 feet of the helicopter.
4. **NO RUNNING** within 50 feet of the helicopter.
5. **DO NOT ATTEMPT** to open helicopter doors for flight crew.

6. The flight crew will direct loading and unloading of the patient and equipment.

7. Radio at emergency site should be manned at all times (if possible). Telephone connection to 911 should be maintained until emergency is over.

PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL OF HELICOPTER

1. CLEAR THE LANDING AREA OF VEHICLES AND PEOPLE.
2. ONLY ONE PERSON WILL DIRECT THE HELICOPTER IN. He should stand with his back to the wind (to indicate wind direction). The helicopter will land directly in front of this person. As the helicopter nears touch-down, the landing director shall move away and remain away until directed otherwise by the pilot.
3. ALL OTHER PERSONNEL ARE TO STAY AWAY FROM THE HELICOPTER. Never approach the helicopter until directed to do so by the pilot, then approach from the front. The crew will come to you.
4. **OBEY SAFETY RULES.**
 - Do not approach the helicopter
 - No one is allowed near the tail rotor
 - No smoking within fifty feet
 - No running around the helicopter
 - Do not attempt to open the helicopter doors
 - Remove or tie down all clothing or equipment that might blow away
 - The flight crew will direct loading of patient and equipment - allow them!

