



Water Rescue

Checklist for First Responders

Objectives: Assess scene, Control hazards, Rescue victim(s), Evacuate victims from scene.

- [IOSR]**
- Assess the scene
- [SUR]**
 - What happened?
 - What is the access?
 - Number of victims?
 - Condition of the victim(s)
 - How are they trapped, stuck?
 - Swift water or flat water?

Initial Actions

- Isolate and deny entry
 - Mark water line
 - Downstream safety
 - Downstream safety opposite bank
 - Upstream spotters
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Minimum PPE for water entry

- PFD
 - Water rescue helmet
 - Whistle
 - Dry suits (when available) if
 - Air/water temp below 120 degrees
 - Water is contaminated
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Rescue Sequence

1. Yell
 2. Reach
 3. Throw
 4. Boat Crew?
 - a. Row
 - b. Go (Swiftwater Crew Only)
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Shallow Water Crossing?

- Less than 18 inches? Certified personnel? Safety plan? PPE for Rescuer? PFD for victim(s)? Crossing pole? → **OK TO GO.**