Firefighter Preparedness

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6. Explain the importance of keeping personal gear and the assigned area in fire camp clean and organized.
Weight Limitations

Total individual gear weight = 65 lbs.

Web gear weight = 20 lbs.

Personal gear weight = 45 lbs.

Personal Gear

- Mandatory Items
- Optional Items
- Other personal items

Accountability

Firefighters are responsible for the proper use and maintenance of issued property.
Physical Fitness

- Aerobic fitness
- Muscular fitness

Diet

- Carbohydrates
- Fat
- Protein
- Fiber
- Calcium
- Vitamins and Minerals
- Sodium
- Caffeine

Fluids

- Symptoms of dehydration
- Ways to minimize dehydration
Fatigue

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- Ways to minimize fatigue

Personal Hygiene and Area Cleanliness

- Ways to maintain personal hygiene
- Keeping gear and assigned area clean

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