



## Rules of Engagement for Structural Firefighting

- What is the Survival Profile of Any Victims in the Involved Compartment or Adjacent Compartment?
- We Will Risk Nothing for Lives or Property That Are Already Lost
- We MAY Risk a Little to Save SAVABLE Property while operating in a Calculated Manner.
- We MAY Risk a LOT to Save SAVABLE Lives while operating in A Calculated Manner.
- Risk And Safety Assessment is a Continuous Process for the Duration of the Incident
- When an "All Clear" is Given, the Incident Commander Shall Evaluate Progress Towards Locating and Extinguishing the Fire. If There is No Progress, Consideration for Withdrawing From the Building Must Remain a Priority Element During Decision-Making

## General Considerations

- A Risk Assessment Must be Conducted at Every Incident and a Plan Developed Based on the Level Of Risk to Firefighters
- All Interior Firefighting Involves Some Inherent Risk
- Some Risk is Acceptable, in a Measured, Controlled Manner, When There is an *Established* Risk Management Plan in Place
- No Building is Worth the Life of a Firefighter





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## **Best Safety Practice**

### *For Risk Assessment in Decision-Making*

- All Members are Responsible for Their Own Safety and the Safety of Personnel Working with Them.
- All Members Are Responsible for Continuously Identifying Unsafe Conditions and Are Authorized to Report Such Conditions.
- If it Looks Unsafe, "Feels" Unsafe, DON'T DO IT! Communicate it Up, Down, and Across.
- Any Member is Authorized to Say NO to Unsafe Practices or Conditions -  
*Stop, Talk, and Decide.*
- All Command Organization Officers Are Responsible for Accepting, and Appropriately Acting Upon, All Safety-Related Information to Make the Incident Site Safer.
- Communication of Safety-Related Information to Officers in the Command Organization is Critical – and is Two-Way.
- Command Organization Officers Must Continually Keep All Personnel Working for Them Well Informed of Changing Conditions and Safety Matters.
- Command Organization Officers SHALL NOT Allow Unsafe Practices.
- Safety Assessment is CONTINUOUS and Must Be Part of **All** Ongoing Decision-Making.

