

# Multi-Use Prop

Cheap, simple prop.

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You have seen and used them before, home-made props. This one is no different, but it has a few elements that could be something you have not seen before.

This prop is your basic wire entanglement/MAYDAY prop. It is simply 2x4's set to 16 inch centers, with various cables and wires running through it. The Firefighters while wearing full PPE crawl underneath moving and shifting to avoid entanglement and gain SCBA confidence.



*What makes our design different? The height can be adjusted allowing for a "no excuses" training session. As well as a gradual decrease in height to build confidence.*

When we constructed this prop we designed it so no matter what size the Firefighter is, they can fit, they can participate. Using 4 x 4 post as the feet, we drilled holes at 16, 24 and 32 inches. Then lag bolts with wing-nuts were used to secure the post to the main bed section. This allows us to adjust the height based upon the training needs.



This prop can also be flipped up onto its sides to be used as a wall breach. You could even practice crawling along the joist like in an attic space. To create even more dynamic training sessions, elevate one end while the other is lower, lay a sheet of plywood across the top and have the members slide down it.

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