

VENT ENTER SEARCH REVIEW

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Definition of VES;

Firefighters either create openings or break windows to gain access from an exterior position to carry out a primary search in a high-risk area of the structure without the protection of a hoseline and typically away from the initial area of fire attack.

Should VES be performed on every fire?

VES should be performed on fires with a high chance of or known life hazard. Occupancy type, time of day and reliable reports should factor into this decision.

Steps of VES

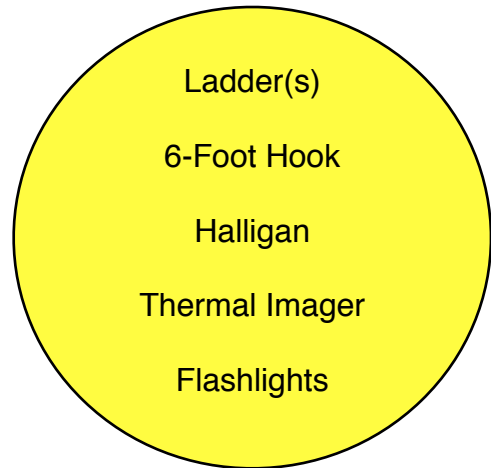
- * Decide on highest priority entry point
- * Ventilate/make access
- * Observe smoke and heat/flame conditions
- * Make decision to enter or not based upon those conditions
- * Sweep area with tool immediately in front of window/opening then sound floor and make entry
- * If TIC available immediately scan room for both door and victims
- * Leave Hook in place with hook on window sill and handle projecting into room as a landmark OR if the door is within reach of the hook use it to CLOSE DOOR
- * Make way to door and CLOSE IT, searching as you go
- * Proceed to finish searching the area
- * Exit the room once completed
- * Report progress/completion to command
- * Proceed to next highest priority area

Ventilation

The primary objective for venting in VES is not fire control or direction but venting for life.

The sole purpose is to make interior conditions more tenable in high-risk areas for potential victims and to create openings for firefighters.

Typical Tool Assignment



For VES

