

PREPARING SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR NON-PARTICIPANTS

CONDITIONS

You are the Mission Safety Officer at a mission base where non-participants arrive to be close to the search of their loved one.

OBJECTIVE

Brief the non-participants on the safety items critical to them and the safety of their visit.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION

Training Outline

1. Non-participants – such as family members, Media and friends – bring special challenges to the base. These people are frequently not knowledgeable of the tools with which we work and the safety challenges they bring. It is neither practical nor possible to exclude non-mission personnel from a mission base, therefore it is desirable that a concise safety briefing be generated to insure they are aware of and stay away from areas and activities that could prove hazardous.
2. The Mission Safety Officer must assume that any potential hazard on the base will trigger a mishap if not specifically briefed. This includes all the hazards called out in the mission base briefing plus any identified since then. While communications cables and power cords may be obvious to ES workers, they may be invisible to those whose minds are totally focused on the incident.
3. Many of these items can be called out during a courtesy tour of the base – an excellent task for the Mission Safety Officer as it affords him the opportunity to make another informal base inspection.
4. As a general rule, try to help the Information Officer tactfully keep visitors out of at least three places: the ICs office, the communications center, and the flight line. While none of these are “restricted areas” in the classic sense, they are sensitive or hazardous areas and non-qualified visitors there can add to confusion or interfere with mission operations. In family visitation, it is also desired to avoid family members from overhearing any negative news from the search not coming from official channels.

Additional Information

Additional information is available from Chaplain Services on Family Liaison Duties.

Evaluation Preparation

Setup: Supply an individual or individuals to be briefed by the trainee. Also, a “mission base” must be supplied.

Briefing the Trainee: Some family members arrive to see the operations. Provide them with a tour of the facility while briefing them on safety items.

Evaluation

Performance measures

Results

1. Using the mission base briefing as a guide, conduct a tour and safety briefing.

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Student must receive a pass on all performance measures to qualify in this task. If the individual fails any measure, show what was done wrong and how to do it correctly.