

Helicopter Landing Zone Safety Guide



CAUTION

Never Approach or Depart To or From the Rear



Cars



Telephone Poles



Trees



Stump



People



Structures

When preparing a landing zone, keep the following information in mind:

- Locate a flat area 150 ft by 150 ft day or night.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as cars, telephone poles, trees, structures, and overhead wires. The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or any obstruction over 18 inches high.
- Take into account the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind, and choose an approach free of obstructions. Any possible obstruction should be communicated to the helicopter crew upon initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing zone such as trash, clothing, or equipment. If landing MedEvac near any vehicles, including an ambulance, make sure the doors are closed.
- If possible, locate the landing zone to the downwind side of the scene. This helps to reduce the noise and dust, and allows the helicopter to land closer to the scene.

General Helicopter Safety Rules:

- Always wait for a signal from the pilot or crew before approaching the helicopter.
- Never approach or depart from the rear of the helicopter
 - approach from the front.
 - Never walk around the tail rotor.
- Never rush.
- If the helicopter is on a sloped surface, approach from the downhill side, never from the uphill side due to the angle of the rotor.

Any questions on setting up a landing zone or to request landing zone training, please call 715.847.2489.