



Tactical Consideration 9: Delayed Removal with Isolation in Protected Space

Continuing the Conversation:
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Single-Story Residential Structures*

Explore the main findings from this study and then use the reflection questions on the reverse side to continue the conversation with your crew.

SUMMARY OF MAIN FINDINGS

Imagine a scenario where you have located a trapped occupant, suppression has not yet started and your only removal path is past an open fire compartment. In a situation like this, you might want to consider delaying removal until suppression can begin by taking refuge with your victim in an isolated space.

By remaining in an isolated space until conditions become safer for removal, you can lower the toxic gas and thermal exposure to your victim compared to removing them through back through a hazardous environment.

Recall the previous tactical considerations about isolation, ventilation, and victim elevation. If you stay with your victim in an isolated space, then consider ventilating the room and keeping their head low and out of the smoke layer. Coordinating these tactics together can continue to lower their toxic and thermal exposure.



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Scan the QR codes to hear commentary from this project's fire service technical panel members. Then, use the reflection questions to continue the conversation with your crew.

HEAR FROM THE TECHNICAL PANEL

Scan the QR code to watch commentary from Chief David Wolf of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District on this tactical consideration.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. A delayed removal is similar to a tactical pause. Has your agency practiced this kind of tactic before? Are there previous situations where employing this tactic could have been useful?
2. This consideration builds on all the previous ones and requires careful coordination. If you had to employ this tactic, how would you coordinate with your team on the fireground?
3. If you're a company officer, how would you prepare your team to know when to call for this tactic? How can you adapt your training?