DISASTER RE-ENTRY CHECKLIST

1) Has everyone known/believed to have been inside been accounted for?  
   a) Have all injuries & notification(s) been/being attended to?

2) Has permission been given by civil authorities to re-enter?  
   a) Fire Dept.  
   b) Police Dept.  
   c) Government inspection services: Building Inspector for structural, plumbing, & electrical  
   d) Health Dept.  
   e) Other: National Guard …

3) Are Utilities safe to use?  If indicated, have they been turned-off?  
   a) Electricity
      ◆ Lighting available?  
      ◆ Check for shorts & fires  
   b) Gas
      ◆ Potential for leaks & explosion?  
   c) Water
      ◆ For fire suppression  
      ◆ Domestic supply  
      ◆ Storm sewers  
   d) Steam
      ◆ Burn & explosion hazard?

4) Do you have a buddy to go with you?  Never enter or work alone.

5) Are you equipped with appropriate protective equipment?  
   a) Hardhat
   b) Boots
   c) Respirator
   d) Gloves
   e) Protective goggles

(OVER)
6) Do you have communications established?
   a) Is command center operational and informed about re-entry?
   b) Equipment
      ♦ Walkie-talkies
      ♦ Cell phones
      ♦ Does the equipment work inside the building?
      ♦ Is there back-up equipment or alternatives?

7) Do you have means for quick initial documentation?
   a) Paper & pencils
   b) Camera with film and extra batteries
   c) Camcorder with extra tape and batteries
   d) Tape recorder with extra batteries

8) Do you understand your objective?
   a) This is not a salvage or recovery mission.
   b) Initial assessment only
      ♦ Identify specific locations, types and extent of damage
      ♦ In general terms only; broad strokes