



Minnesota Historical Society
CONSERVATION OUTREACH PROGRAM

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

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DISASTER RE-ENTRY CHECKLIST (continued)

- 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