

A firefighter should call a Mayday whenever they feel unsafe or need assistance. Some suggested situations are:

At any time, you or one of your crew: becomes tangled, pinned or stuck for whatever reason.

If you, or one of your crew, falls through a roof or floor.

If a collapse occurs that blocks you or your way out.

If you get disoriented and/or separated from your crew for any reason.

If your partner becomes separated from you.

If you cannot find an exit door or window for any reason.

If your primary exit is blocked and you can't find a second exit.

If your low air alarms and you do not have an immediate exit.

If fire conditions change to make you believe an imminent flashover or backdraft will occur.

If your PPE fails you for whatever reason, especially your SCBA.

If you, or your partner is injured, or has a medical emergency.

Any time you feel you or one of your crew is at risk, whatever the cause

Once Mayday is transmitted, the firefighter should transmit who I am, what happened and what I need, LUNAR or what their Dept policy calls for and activate their PASS device.

Firefighters should remember GRAB LIVES mnemonic and plan for self-rescue.

G = Check Air **G**auge

R = **R**adio for Assistance

A = **A**ctivate PASS Device

B = Control **B**reathing, Conserve Air

L = Stay **L**ow

I = **I**lluminate, Turn Flashlight On

V = Make Loud Noises (**V**olume)

E = Find an **E**xit

S = **S**hield Your Airway (last ditch effort)

- It is every firefighter's responsibility to maintain their preparedness for a Mayday situation.
- The only way to guarantee a successful outcome of a Mayday situation is to PREVENT IT!
- The Ultimate goal for any Mayday response is to successfully resolve the Mayday and, at the same time, not create any further Mayday situations.