



Colorado EMS Primary Instructor Training Lesson Guide

Session Title: Scene Size Up

Session Reference:

Time Required: 10 minutes

Materials:

References: National D.O.T. E.M.T. Curriculum

Prepared By:

Preparation / Set:

Attention / Motivation:

Size-up is the first and one of the most important aspects of patient assessment. It begins as the EMT approaches the scene. During this phase, the EMT surveys the scene to determine if there are any threats that may cause an injury to the EMT.

Objectives:

At the completion of this session, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize hazards and potential hazards.
2. Determine if the scene is safe to enter.

Session Overview:

C This session covers BSI review, personal protection, patient protection, and by-stander protection

Instructor Notes	Outline
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Scene Size-Up/Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Body Substance Isolation Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eye protection if necessary 2. Gloves if necessary 3. Gown if necessary 4. Mask if necessary B. Scene Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definition - an assessment to assure the well being of the EMT 2. Personal Protection - Is it safe to approach the patient? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Crash/rescue scenes b. Toxic substances & low oxygen areas c. Crime scenes - potential for violence d. Unstable surfaces - slope, ice, water 3. Protection of the patient - environmental considerations 4. Protection of bystanders - if appropriate, help the bystander avoid becoming a patient 5. If the scene is unsafe, make it safe. Otherwise, do not enter.

Summary:

Review:

- C The components of scene safety include body substance isolation and making the scene safe to enter if possible.

Re-motivation:

Evaluation

Written test and/or quizzes.
