

THE SAFE PERSON CONCEPT

In normal safety management, the intent is to make the workplace safe, because this safeguards everyone. However, an operational incident can be an inherently dangerous workplace and may be impossible to make safe. Brigades must, therefore, direct their efforts to make the firefighter safe. This approach is known as the Safe Person Concept.

There are two aspects to this concept - organisational responsibility and personal responsibility.

ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The organisation must provide the support necessary to ensure that personnel are able to remain safe in a hostile environment.

This will include:



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The individual must have the ability to make professional judgements about the appropriate use of available resources, in order to control the risks inherent in the unique circumstances of any emergency situation.

Every operational firefighter must, therefore, be:

