

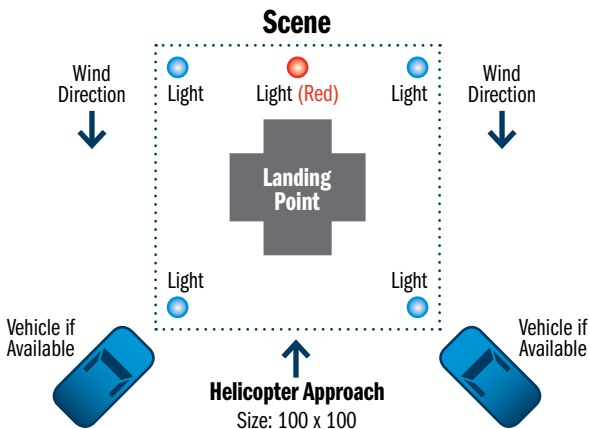


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## How to Prepare Emergency Helicopter Landing Zone (LZ)

(For emergency use only)



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## LZ Safety Considerations

### Remember: HOTSAW

- Hazards (*loose objects, tents, etc.*)
- Obstructions (*in and out of LZ area. Trees, poles, fences, wires, etc.*)
- Terrain features (*degree of slope*)
- Surface conditions (*highway/dirt road/soft or hard*)
- Animals/livestock (*notify if present*)
- Wind/weather (*velocity, visibility and cloud height*)

### Important Aircraft Safety Rules

- Never approach unless directed by flight crew
- Never walk near tail rotor area
- Never approach from an uphill slope
- Never direct bright lights at pilot or aircraft
- Always approach from side (*ideally 90°*)
- Keep head down, walk in crouched position
- Follow flight crew directions
- Secure all loose objects in LZ
- No unauthorized personnel near aircraft
- Protect eyes from blowing dirt and debris
- No smoking within 100 feet of aircraft

### When requesting service, please provide our communications team with following:

- Name of requesting agency
- Call back number
- Location with GPS coordinates (*if available*)
- Type of incident
- Ground contact
- Radio frequency (*including PL tone if applicable*)
- Weather at scene
- Any other responding aircraft

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