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Landing Zones for Aviation

Predetermined LZ's are best for helicopters

Landing at locations other than designed LZ's can have a higher level of danger for everyone on or near the helicopter

Helicopters don't normally land straight up and down, an angled arrival and departure into the wind is preferred

Remove any loose obstructions or debris

Helicopters can generate 100 mph winds



Firefighters / EMS Situational Awareness of LZ's

- **Fire / EMS personnel should position apparatus adjacent obstructions**
- **Note location of overhead wires, poles, fences**
- **Choose firm, level ground with at least 100' X 100' , larger is better**
- **To mark the LZ, keep warning lights on until the helicopter is overhead then turn them off.**
- **Only approach helicopter when crew signals it's safe.**

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