

## Primary Search Methods

The engine company takes its line to the top of the stairs leading to the basement. Search teams proceed upstairs to the bedrooms. Search teams operating above the fire are at great risk. Ladders should be raised to second-floor windows as soon as personnel are available, and personnel must be advised immediately of fire extension or if the engine company is unable to control the fire.

Hoseline goes through the front door to the top of the basement stairs; checks for upward extension and protects search personnel.

Search teams are dispatched to second-floor bedrooms, searching along the hoseline as it is advanced down the hallway.

Basement Fire Search Plan

The fire blocks stairway access and egress from the second floor. Search teams bypass the fire by locating, entering, and searching bedrooms from the windows. Doors are closed immediately to isolate the bedrooms from fire.

Rescuers locate, enter, and search the bedrooms from the windows.

Fire blocks the stairwell, preventing occupants from escaping and rescuers from gaining access to the bedrooms

Engine company fights its way in, to protect the stairway.

First Floor Fire Search Plan

The fire prevents rapid access to bedrooms. Search teams bypass the fire by entering the bedrooms directly from the windows. Doors are closed immediately to isolate the bedrooms from fire.

Heavily Involved Structure (V-E-S)

Indicate that room has been searched.

Be alert for trapped victims.

Search under and behind all furniture.

Call for charged line.

Close doors to confine fire.

Probe with leg or tools.

Search all closets, cupboards, and shower stalls.

Probe for victims just inside doors.

Ascend and descend facing top of stairs.

Ventilate as you move.

General Search Procedures

**Review and discuss department procedures for PRIMARY SEARCH operations.**

- Describe crew accountability and communication
- How does primary search differ from secondary search, which is completed when?