Landing Zone Layout

Landing Zone Prep

- Hard, flat surface is preferred with NO debris; AVOID tall grass/crops, mud, loose surfaces (sand, dirt, snow).
- Keep everyone and everything out of the LZ once established and until aircraft departs.
- Mark with cones during day, strobes at night (preferably).
- Avoid bright lights pointed upward.

Communication

- Identify hazards.
- Describe LZ and any landmarks.
- If you cannot communicate directly with the pilot, contact your Comm Center or Med Flight Comm Center to set up a phone relay.
- Vehicle mounted radios vs. handheld are preferred.
- When landing at an airport: no vehicles should be on runway, and no need to set up an LZ.

Approaching the Aircraft

- Never approach the rear of the aircraft.
- Do not approach the aircraft unless directed to by Med Flight personnel.
- Keep ALL vehicles at least 50 ft., preferably 100 ft., from the aircraft.
- After landing, the Med Flight crew will exit the aircraft and come to you.
- Do not bring the patient to the aircraft until directed by Med Flight personnel.
- On scenes we often stay hot with the rotors spinning. Only approach the aircraft if asked to do so by the crew.

Questions about LZ set up? Call us at (608) 263-3258.
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