Fight fire aggressively but provide for safety first.
Initiate all action based on current and expected
fire behavior.
Recognize current weather conditions and obtain
forecasts.
Ensure instructions are given and understood.
Obtain current information on fire status.
Remain in communication with crew members,
your supervisor and adjoining forces.
Determine safety zones and escape routes.
Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situa-
tions.
Retain control at all times.
Stay alert, keep calm, think clearly, act decisively.

SURVIVAL CHECKLIST
WATCH OUT

1. Fire not scouted and sized up.
2. In country not seen in daylight.
3. Safety zones and escape routes not identified.
4. Unfamiliar with weather and local factors influencing fire behavior.
5. Uninformed on strategy, tactics and hazards.
6. Instructions and assignments not clear.
7. No communication link with crew members/supervisors.
8. Constructing line without safe anchor point.
9. Building fireline downhill with fire below.

SITUATIONS

10. Attempting frontal assault on fire.
11. Unburned fuel between you and the fire.
12. Cannot see main fire, not in contact with anyone who can.
13. On a hillside where rolling material can ignite fuel below.
14. Weather is getting hotter and drier.
15. Wind increases and/or changes direction.
17. Terrain and fuels make escape to safety zones difficult.
18. Taking a nap near the fireline.