

Field Guide

When an aviator finds him/herself in a survival situation after a forced landing, or for any other reason, this section can be used to offer directions and suggestions for appropriate actions.

In establishing an effective, rational response to any survival situation, it is imperative to prioritize actions and needs. During the initial stress and confusion of an incident, preconceived but inaccurate notions about survival can generate incorrect priorities and actions with disastrous results. The decisions made in the first few minutes or hours of an emergency have a great bearing on the ultimate outcome. The use of guides such as those included in this document can reduce errors in prioritizing and substantially improve chances of survival.

This handbook describes essential priorities for survival and the basic skills needed to maximize your chances for survival. It will help you to prepare ahead of time, properly utilize the resources at hand and apply essential tools or concepts necessary in specific situations.

