



## Emergency First Responder

Continuum of Pre Hospital  
Emergency Care



## Objectives

*By the end of this session you should be able to:*

- Explain the principles of maintaining scene safety and to explain the role and responsibilities of an EFR within the Irish Health Care System.

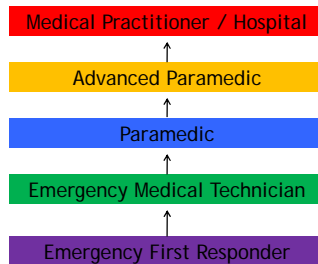


## Role of the EFR

- Take control of an accident or emergency scene
- Activate the EMS system, where necessary
- Provide immediate care for life threatening injuries and illnesses
- Prepare for the arrival of higher trained personnel
- Assist these personnel in the provision of care to the patient



## Role of the EFR



## Role of the IRC EFR

- Available to provide a high standard of care at public events
- Act as mentors for new and less experienced members
- Potential First Aid Instructors
- Potential EMT Trainees



## Responsibilities of the EFR

- Be willing to deal with sick and injured people
- Be honest and realistic
- Be able to recognise and seek help for stress
- Act and speak professionally
- Maintain good physical condition





## Safety of the First Responder

*If you do not take care of your own safety, you may well become part of the problem*

*Your Primary Concern at an Emergency Scene is your own Safety*



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## Safety of the First Responder

Personal Protection Equipment (P.P.E.)

- Gloves (Debris)
- Helmet
- Hi-visibility jacket
- Steel toe cap footwear
- Latex Gloves
- Protective eye wear



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## Scene Safety - Others

- Safety of your partner(s)
- Safety of patient(s)
- Safety of Bystander's
- Safety of other emergency personnel working at the scene of the incident



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## Scene Safety - Hazards

- Hazardous Materials
- Toxic Chemicals
- Power cables
- Traffic Scene
- Industrial setting
- Violent incident
- Environmental conditions
- Crime Scene
- Water
- Machinery
- Domestic setting - Dog!
- Sharps
- Fire
- Explosion
- Crowds



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## Hazardous Material Incident

- Maintain a safe distance from incident
- Keep others back also
- Activate the appropriate service
- Notify them of the nature of the incident and provide as much information as possible without endangering yourself or others.
- Use codes from *HAZCHEM SIGN*



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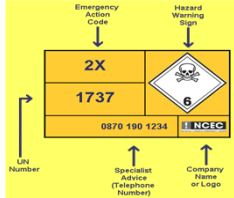
- Protect yourself and others around the scene
- Be aware of the possibility of toxic gas and consider the wind direction
- Wait until appropriate agency declares scene safe before entering



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## Hazardous Material Incident



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## Summary

- Roles & Responsibilities of the EFR
- IRC Emergency First Responder
- Responsibility for Personal Care
- Responsibility for Care of others
- Hazards at an incident
- Hazardous Material Incident

