

**WAC 296-305-05101 Technical rescue general requirements. (1)**

The following sections apply to fire departments that choose to operate for any type of technical rescue operations addressed in WAC 296-305-05113 at the following levels:

- Operations level. This level represents the capability of organizations to respond to technical rescue incidents and to identify hazards, use equipment, and apply limited techniques specified in this rule to support and participate in technical rescue incidents.
- Technician level. This level represents the capability of organizations to respond to technical rescue incidents, to identify hazards, use equipment, and apply advanced techniques specified in this rule necessary to coordinate, perform, and supervise technical rescue incidents.

**Note:** Awareness level represents the minimum capability of organizations that provide response to technical rescue incidents or discover technical rescue situations during emergency scene operations and takes no offensive action. This level requires no written procedures.

(2) Members must not operate at a level that exceeds the identified level of capability established in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Basic life support must be provided by the fire department at technical rescue incidents.

(4) Fire departments must meet all requirements in this section, along with all relevant requirements in the specific technical rescue sections, before operating at the operations or technician level at a technical rescue incident.

(5) Fire departments choosing to not respond to technical rescue emergencies will ensure their employees can recognize when a technical rescue situation is present and what to do in those cases.

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