



Fire Protection Training

Procedures Handbook 4300

AIRCRAFT

TOPIC: How To Approach and Enter a Helicopter

TIME FRAME: 30 Minutes

LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION:

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVE:

Condition: A helicopter or simulated helicopter and student in full safety uniform, carrying a hand tool

Behavior: The student will demonstrate how to approach, enter and exit a helicopter under simulated fireline conditions.

Standard: With a minimum of 100% accuracy

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Helicopter
- Hand tools
- Performance examination
- Tally sheet

REFERENCES:

- CDF, Aviation Management Procedures Handbook (8300)
- CDF, Helitack Slide/Synch Program, ST-101

PREPARATION:

During your employment with CDF you may be required to fly in a helicopter. Certain procedures have been developed to make helicopter operations as safe as possible. Know and follow these procedures.



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HOW TO APPROACH AND
ENTER A HELICOPTER

OPERATIONS

KEY POINTS

- | OPERATIONS | KEY POINTS |
|---|---|
| 1. Get pilot's attention | 1a. Stand to front of helicopter
b. Minimum of 100'
c. Wave arms |
| 2. Get pilot's permission to approach | 2a. Hand signal
b. Nod |
| 3. Approach helicopter | 3a. Full view of pilot
b. From the front
c. Crouched position
d. Safety helmet in hand or secured on head with chin strap
e. Downhill side
f. Full wildland safety uniform
g. Tools parallel to ground at waist level |
| 4. Enter helicopter | |
| 5. Properly close door | 5a. Do not slam door
b. Properly latch door |
| 6. Attach seat belt | |
| 7. Attach shoulder harness | |
| 8. Release seat belt and shoulder harness when told to do so by pilot | |
| 9. Open door, exit, and close door | 9a. Gently
b. Lock fully |



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10. Depart area

10a. Crouched position

b. Down hill side

c. Not toward rear of ship

d. Hold or secure helmet with chinstrap

e. Quickly

f. Full view of pilot

g. Tools parallel to ground at waist level



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APPLICATION:

Student shall practice until proficient.

EVALUATION:

A performance examination.

ASSIGNMENT:

To be determined by instructor(s).

	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Student walks to front of helicopter at a minimum distance of 100'.	<u>10</u>
2. Obtain pilot's attention and permission prior to approaching helicopter.	<u>10</u>
3. Approaches helicopter	
a. From the front	<u>5</u>
b. From downhill side	<u>5</u>
c. In crouched position	<u>5</u>
d. With helmet in hand or securely on head with chinstrap secured	<u>5</u>
e. With tool carried parallel to ground at waist height.	<u>5</u>
4. Enters helicopter and gently closes and latches door	<u>5</u>
5. Attaches seat belt and shoulder harness	<u>5</u>
6. Upon command releases seat belt and shoulder harness	<u>5</u>
7. Opens door, exits helicopter and gently latches door closed	<u>10</u>
8. Departs area	
a. In crouched position	<u>5</u>
b. On downhill side	<u>5</u>
c. In pilot's view	<u>5</u>
d. Holds helmet or secures it with chinstrap	<u>5</u>
e. Carries tool parallel to the ground at waist level	<u>5</u>
f. Departs area quickly	<u>5</u>

POINTS

POINTS DEDUCTED: :

POINTS POSSIBLE: 100

POINTS DEDUCTED:

FINAL SCORE:

EVALUATOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

COMMENTS:
