



LANDING ZONE SAFETY

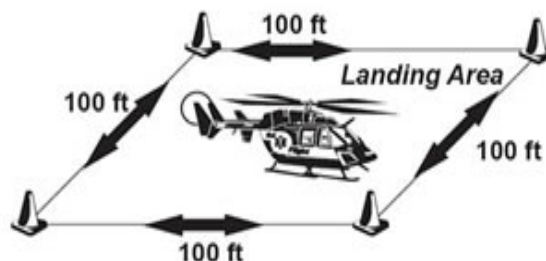
Safety begins from the very beginning and that includes securing a safe landing zone for our helicopters. Assuring that area is free of hazards and is adequate sized for any of the area helicopters as well as what needs to be communicated to our dispatch and our flight crews is information you will gain by contacting our Business Development Coordinator, at (614) 734-8050. Our healthcare partners can arrange for a Landing Zone Lecture, offering continuing education credit, while enhancing safety and familiarity with our helicopter. Note multiple department/agency lectures are encouraged to reduce outreach costs, which are passed on to our patients.

Landing Zone Setup

- LZ area should be free of obstructions. Eliminate these hazards:
 - Wires (surrounding the landing area and High Tension power lines within 1/2 mile)
 - Towers (TV, Radio, Cellular within 1/2 mile)
 - Trees
 - Signs and Poles
 - Buildings
 - Vehicles
 - People
- LZ area should be 100' X 100' if possible.
- LZ should have as little of a slope as possible (less than 5 degrees).
- LZ area should be a hard surface (concrete, asphalt, gravel, lawns, etc.).
- LZ corners should be marked with highly visible devices (cones, flairs, strobes).
- No debris on landing surface and within 100' of landing area.
- Land the helicopter(s) a safe distance from the scene/patient.
- Never point bright lights directly at the aircraft!
- Maintain security of LZ while helicopter is present.

Landing Zone Briefing

- Type of LZ surface and size
- How LZ is marked (cones, flairs, strobes, etc.)
- All noted obstructions (see list above)



Precautions!

- Never assume flight crew will see a hazard!
- Never approach the helicopter unless directed by the flight crew!