

City of Bend
Fire & Rescue

Section 1 - Individual Performance Standards

**Section 2.2 Firefighter
Survival**

Task 2.2.1 - Entanglement

STANDARD:

1. Perform self-rescue from Entanglement while using prop

RESOURCES:

1. Full structural PPE
2. SCBA and Mask
3. Entanglement prop
4. Portable radio
5. Wire cutters
6. Spotter/Coach to help work through entanglements

PROCEDURE:

1. The firefighter shall don full PPE including SCBA
2. The firefighter attempts to quickly free themselves and back up to free the entanglement
3. The firefighter declares a "Mayday" over the radio, and activates their PASS alarm
4. The firefighter uses the swim technique to confirm what has entangled them
5. The firefighter should attempt to locate the entanglement and free themselves by moving the entanglement in the direction it came from
6. The firefighter should locate and cut the entanglement away
7. The firefighter locates personal tool (wire cutters) from their pocket
8. The firefighter uses the swim technique to find the wiring and cut it away
9. If unable to clear entanglement the firefighter should remove the SCBA and attempt to disentangle the entrapment
10. Once free of the entanglement, the firefighter should don SCBA again and proceed out
11. After removing all of the entanglements, the firefighter should update incident command
12. The firefighter should leave the area in the same path used when entering, since other entanglements further in the structure are likely

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- At **NO** time shall the firefighter remove SCBA face piece or gloves to work through entanglement
- Call Mayday early once entangled and then attempt to self-rescue!