**Safety Checklist for Company-Level Drills In and Around the Station**

The checklist below is provided to assist fire service instructors and leaders create a safe drill ground so that firefighters can concentrate on gaining the knowledge and skills needed to excel. Drill planners do not need to complete the entire checklist for all drills, but should use it as a quick-check for adequate safety controls.

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| ***Element Met*** | ***Drill Safety Element*** |
| **Planning** | |
|  | A written Lesson Plan is prepared with objectives of the drill & approved by senior officer |
|  | Lead Instructor has proper DFS credentials for scope of the drill |
|  | Safety Officer for each evolution has been identified & hazards of evolutions discussed |
|  | Participating firefighters have received the necessary education before practical evolutions |
|  | Effective controls established for firefighters not participating in an evolution   * Consider rehab, multiple drill stations, and debriefing to keep firefighters involved |
|  | Effective safeguards established to control formal or informal competitions |
|  | Criteria to suspend drill due to weather (heat / cold / storms) are established |
|  | Time allotted to clean / refill drill equipment & return to service on the apparatus |
|  | Live victims should not be used. |
| **Survey of drill ground** | |
|  | Surfaces that will be used for the drill are clear of slip and trip hazards, such as loose stones |
|  | Drill area (esp. off-site) walked to identify & clear of puncture / cut hazards & debris |
|  | Controls established to keep vehicle traffic clear of active drill ground |
|  | Controls established to keep pedestrians clear of active drill ground |
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| **Drills involving training props** | |
|  | Props inspected, working properly, and secured from moving. Training vehicles secured from rolling |
|  | Tools to be used for drill have been inspected for damage |
|  | Wood props (roof vent, wall breach) inspected for nails & other sharp projections |
|  | Batteries and hazardous liquids removed from donated training vehicles |
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| **Drills involving pumping water, using handheld hoses, or elevated streams** | |
|  | Hoses that will be used have been hydrostatically tested within past year |
|  | Considerations & provisions for water run-off taken |
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| **Drills involving the use of SCBA** | |
|  | SCBA that will be used are inspected immediately before the drill |
|  | Confidence course is inspected for damage prior to drill |
|  | Equipment used for physical activities (tires, sledges, ladders, hoses) inspected |
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| **Drills Involving ground ladders and aerial apparatus** | |
|  | Survey of overhead obstructions and hazards completed |
|  | Ground ladders secured at top and bottom during the drill |
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| **Drills with a fall hazard** (Bail-out, roof ventilation, Denver Drill, etc.) | |
|  | Secondary safety ropes, harnesses, and anchor points have been inspected |
|  | Safety monitors / officers briefed on criteria for fall prevention |
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