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Search and Rescue

Light Hazard or Slight Damage:

- All foundations, walls and roof are still sound.
- Entry and exits are clear.
- Safe to enter

Moderate Damage:

- Non-structural cracks
- Foundation ok
- Interior hazardous
- Other possible dangers
- Enter if necessary, limit team size, exit as quickly as possible

Heavy Damage:

- Structurally uncertain
- Smoke/fire
- Hazardous Materials
- Other Dangers?
- NEVER Enter – Report and document situation, turn-off utilities if safe, warn others

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Size-up Criteria and Possible Hazards

Overhead Hazards:

- Leaning Walls
- Utility Poles
- Wires
- Trees
- Signs

Ground Level Hazards:

- Uneven Surfaces
- Surface Water
- Downed Wires
- Natural Gas Leaks
- Smoke
- Sharp Objects

Below Grade Hazards:

- Debris
- Confined Spaces
- Flooding
- Toxic Air

Structural Damage:

- Uneven Window Lines
- Foundation Not Level
- Building Leans
- Doors Out-of-Plumb

Other Hazards:

- Dogs
- Weather
- Time of Day
- Aftershocks
- Contents in Structure