

## Structure Hazard Marking System

Never enter a damaged structure unless trained, equipped, and authorized. You may find a 2' x 2' box at the entrance to indicate the condition of the structure. Use orange spray paint or a lumber crayon to mark inside the box.

- ☐ Structure is safe for Search and Rescue (SAR) with minor damage, or structure is fully collapsed.
- ☒ Structure is significantly damaged with some safe areas, but other areas which need to be shored up or braced. Falling and collapse hazards need to be removed.
- ☒ Structure is unsafe and may collapse suddenly.
- ← Entrance is located in direction of the arrow.

**HM** Hazardous material is present.

This information should be found outside the upper right portion of the box:

- Specialist ID
- Time and date of assessment
- Hazardous materials identified

SAR teams should also mark structures as they conduct operations.

- \ Single slash (2' long) indicates SAR Team is currently in structure conducting operations.
- × Cross/slash (2' x 2') indicates SAR Team has left structure/area.

This information should be found in the four quadrants of the cross slash:

- Left quadrant = SAR Team ID
- Upper quadrant = Time and date team left structure
- Right quadrant = Personnel hazards
- Lower quadrant = Number of patients still inside structure (X indicates no patients remaining)