

## **Common Tactical Hazards**

### **Position**

- Building fireline downhill.
- Building undercut or mid-slope fireline.
- Building indirect fireline or unburned fuel is between you and the fire.
- Attempting frontal assault on the fire or you are delivered by aircraft to the top of the fire.
- Establishing escape routes that are uphill or difficult to travel.

### **Situation**

- Poor communication due to a rapidly emerging small fire or an isolated area of a large fire.
- Suppression resources are fatigued or inadequate.
- Assignment or escape route depends on aircraft support.
- Nighttime operations.
- Wildland urban interface (WUI) operations.

**When selected tactics put firefighters in these positions or situations, a higher level of risk is involved. Consider additional hazard controls that may be needed.**