

The Situation

Monday, July 27th, 7:12 pm

You and five coworkers are finishing a presentation for tomorrow's early morning meeting. You are in the basement library of your 10-story downtown office building.

"Oh, my gosh, what is happening?"

"I can't stand up."

"I think it's an earthquake! Watch out for those books, take cover, and get under the table!"

"Oh no, there go the lights!"

The building shakes violently and then stops. There is a deathly silence except for the slow groan of the building settling. You begin to pick yourselves up and assess the damage.

"I'm not sure if that is hissing or the building moving."

"Hey everyone, we aren't going anywhere. The stairs to the basement are completely blocked. There must be a ton of concrete here."

"We have to get out of here. The whole building could cave in!"

"Everyone needs to calm down. We need to start looking for another way out. What about the elevator?"

"Nope, the shaft is jammed with rubble. I can feel a draft coming down, but I can't see through all the debris."

"Can we climb up on the water heater, and get out of the crack you found in the wall? The water



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Scoring

Action Steps

There are **7 action steps you should take** to ensure your survival and rescue and **5 action steps that you should not take** because they are either unnecessary or may harm you. Decide which **7** of the action steps listed **you would take**, assigning a "1" to what you would do *first*, a "2" to your second step, etc. (1-7). Then continue the ranking with the remaining **5** steps **you would not take** numbering them 8-12; twelfth being reserved for the most

dangerous or least helpful step; eleventh, the next less dangerous step, etc.

Complete the individual ranking without discussing the situation with anyone else. Place your answers in column **A**.

Next, repeat the process in teams. Select, by consensus, the sequence that the team thinks makes the most sense. Put the team answers in column **D**.

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	Your Ranking			Team Ranking		
Attempt to remove the rubble from the entrance to the first floor.						
Divide the sandwiches and ration them over the next few days.						
Light the candles so you can see and rescuers will be able to locate you.						



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