



**St. Louis County
Rescue Squad**

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Expedient Rescue Aids**

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OBJECTIVE

During a verbal checkout with an evaluator, state the algorithm for conducting a water rescue, giving examples of field-expedient rescue-aids that can be used at each stage. *See attached criteria list for this module.*

PREREQUISITES

None.

RESOURCES

None

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Any Rescue Squad member

Handout: *Drowning Recovery Operations*, WoodsTalk, 2004

Handout: *Drowning Recovery Operations with Ice Component*, WoodsTalk, 2004

AUTHORIZED EVALUATORS

Any Rescue Squad member

MAXIMUM RENEWAL TIME

4 years



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Skill Sheet

D-102, State Algorithm for Water Rescue; Describe Field-Expedient Rescue Aids

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NOTES TO EVALUATOR:

Task	Go	No-Go
States algorithm: Reach-Throw-Row-Tow-Go		
Reaching items given (at least three must be given): Your hand, stick, pole, broom, rake or shovel handle. Describes how reaching item helps subject to stabilize himself, yet maintains a protective buffer between rescuer and subject.		
Throwable items include (at least three must be given): Rope, PFD, cushion, cooler, ball or other inflatable toy, inflated spare tire, life ring, water jug.		
Describes launching a watercraft to row to the subject. Describes maintaining the protective buffer between subject and rescuer.		
Describes towing the subject to shallow water as opposed to pulling into the boat. States how distance and temperature must be considered (e.g. five miles out in Lake Superior), but describes how risk of capsizing is avoided. If watercraft is a stable platform and subject is calm, consider taking aboard.		
Describes "going" only as a last resort. Describes how drowning subject will inadvertently drown a rescuer in attempts to save himself. States that number one responsibility of rescuer is to self, and we are not obligated to enter the water.		

Critical Criteria

Check if Go; Circle if No-Go

- Must correctly state Reach-Throw-Row-Tow-Go, in order
- Must describe "Go" only as a last resort, and that we are not obligated to enter the water.

_____ **Go**

_____ **No-Go**

_____ **Evaluator**

(Initial & 7100-number)