



BIVY GUIDE

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Role: Patient and trip participants MAY need to spend the night or prepare for an extended wait while patient is being treated.

1. Begin the process to establish a bivy:

a. Determine suitability of incident site:

- Is this site naturally protected from weather?
- Should the group relocate to a more suitable location?
- Is there an available water source?
- Determine a best guess for anticipated weather. (Phone app?)

b. Assess group resources:

- Tarps? Sleeping bags? Pads? Water purification?
- Utility cord? Signaling devices or signaling methods?
- Fire starter available or stove with fuel?
- Availability of fuel for fire?

c. Assess the bivy capability of each individual:

- Appropriate clothing for anticipated weather?
- Extra food? Protect extra water from freezing?
- Bivy sacks, pads, and insulating materials available?

2. Review findings and recommendations with the Incident Manager.

- Incident Manager makes the decisions.
- If necessary, provide the Get Help Team with additional materials.

3. Manage the process of establishing the bivy:

- For short term bivy, encourage participants to add extra layers, eat food, rest, and drink water.
- For longer term bivy establish or coordinate shelter availability for all participants, patient, and first aid team.

4. Establish / be prepared to implement whatever signaling methods are available to the group:

Whistles? Mirrors? Campfire smoke? Flagging tape? Team yell?