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2. Know what your **FIRE** is **doing** at all times – observe personally, use scouts. **A**
3. Base all actions on current and expected **FIRE BEHAVIOR**. **A**
4. Have **ESCAPE ROUTES** and **SAFETY ES ZONES** for everyone and make them known.
5. Post a **LOOKOUT** when there is possible danger. **L**
6. Be **ALERT**, keep **CALM**, **THINK** clearly, **ACT** decisively. **ALC**
7. Maintain prompt **COMMUNICATION** with your crew, your boss, and adjoining forces. **C**
8. Give clear **INSTRUCTIONS** and be sure they are understood. **C**
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1. Fire not scouted and sized up. **2,3**
2. In country not seen in daylight. **2,3,4**
3. Safety zones and escape routes not identified. **4**
4. Unfamiliar with weather & local factors influencing fire behavior. **1,3**
5. Uninformed on strategy, tactics, and hazards. **7**
6. Instructions and assignments not clear. **7,8**
7. No communication link with crewmembers or supervisor. **7,8**
8. *Constructing line without safe anchor point.* **1,2,3,4**
9. *Building fireline downhill with fire below.* **1,2,3,4**
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14. Weather becoming hotter and drier. **1,2,3**
15. Wind increases and/or changes direction. **1,2,3**
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