

W-A-T-C-H O-U-T

- W**EATHER dominates fire behaviour, so **KEEP INFORMED**.
- A**CTION based on what the fire is doing and could do.
- T**RY OUT. . . . Test at least **TWO** escape routes, and be extremely careful when working above the fire.
- C**OMMUNICATE Keep in contact with your crew, your boss and other fire fighters.
- H**AZARDS Watch for snags, flash fuels and steep narrow draws (the chimney effect).
- O**BERVE changes in wind (direction or speed), humidity and clouds.
- U**NDERSTAND. . . . your instructions, and make sure yours are understood.
- T**HINK. . . . clearly and be alert.
Act **BEFORE** your situation becomes critical.

DO NOT PANIC IF CAUGHT IN A FIRE. . . .
KEEP CALM AND THINK CLEARLY

- **DO NOT RUN.**
- **Move into an open area, or an area which has already been burned.**
- **Select the lowest spot (no caves).**
- **Do not move upwind or uphill of the fire.**
- **Always stay with your crew.**
- **Stay in a vehicle, if one is available.**
- **Watch for falling snags.**