# Drill Ground Activity 14: Rescue Using VES

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| **Description** | This drill ground activity provides students with an opportunity to practice rescuing a downed fire fighter using VES (vent, enter, search) techniques. |
| **Timeframe** | 1 hour |
| **Students** | Groups of up to 10 students |
| **Materials** | • Appropriate training prop with a second-story window<br>• Simulated downed firefighter in full PPE<br>• Ladder<br>• Full turn out PPE<br>• SCBA<br>• Radio<br>• Ventilation tools (hook/irons, saw, etc.) |
| **Site Preparation** | • Ensure that site is free of all hazards. |
| **Instructor Directions** | 1. Review the operation of the evolution and the desired outcome with participants.<br>2. Review safety considerations with participants.<br>3. Show participants the starting and ending points of the course.<br>4. Increase the complexity of scenarios as appropriate (no air, on air, decreased visibility, no visibility, etc.).<br>5. Ensure all participants are wearing full PPE.<br>6. Perform a final safety check prior to performing the evolution. |

| **Student Directions** |
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| 1. Procure outside ventilation tools (hook/irons and a saw). |
| 2. Conduct a 360. |
| 3. Locate a laddered window with a PASS device alarming inside. |
| 4. Radio Captain to convey discovery and actions to take. |
| 5. Put on mask. |
| 6. Confirm a crew member is at ladder before entering. |
| 7. Sound floor before entering room. |
| 8. Locate downed fire fighter. |
| 9. Drag downed fire fighter to window. |
| 10. Lift downed fire fighter into window (request assistance if needed). |
| 11. Follow down ladder after rescue is made. |
| 12. Inform Command and request medical for downed fire fighter. |