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Control measure knowledge

If it is possible to determine the design and construction of the mode of transport, the most appropriate tools can be deployed. This should help to achieve the operational objectives, while minimising the hazards associated with accessing the mode of transport.

It might be necessary to seek specialist advice or assistance to determine the design and construction, including the materials used, especially if the mode of transport is uncommon or relatively new.

If it has not been possible to identify the construction materials of the mode of transport, tools should be closely monitored once deployed. If the tools do not perform as expected, it may be an indication that there are unexpected materials present. This may necessitate a review of the operational plan, including the tools and methods required, to gain access to the mode of transport.

If the use of the preferred tools may introduce additional energy to the mode of transport, it may be necessary to consider the use of alternative tools. If this is not feasible, the mode of transport may require additional stabilisation.

Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Maintain access to transport industry information regarding the design and construction of modes of transport, and provide to personnel
- Provide personnel with an appropriate range of tools and equipment to enable access to modes of transport

Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Identify the design and construction of the mode of transport, and the most appropriate tools

for gaining access to it

- Seek specialist advice or assistance about the design and construction of the mode of transport, and methods for gaining access to it
- Consider the design and construction of the mode of transport when developing the tactical plan for gaining access to it
- Consider providing additional stabilisation of the mode of transport if the deployment of tools could introduce additional energy