



FireGround Compass® Instructions

Set the FireGround Compass® prior to entry.

Note: The FireGround Compass® can also be set over two-way radio once inside the building, provided your incident commander has a unit as well.



Step 1: Hold the FireGround Compass® at least one foot away from your body and one foot above the floor. The unit should be held level and steady. Use backlighting if necessary.



Step 2: Allow the arrow within the compass to settle on North. This may involve rotating the entire unit until the arrow points to 'N' (North).



Warning: Should you become disoriented within the building, you should first contact the Incident Command and then use your FireGround Compass® as needed.

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Step 3: Establish from the Incident Commander the location of the 'A' (Address) side of the building. This location should correspond with one of the clock positions on the FireGround Compass®.



Step 4: Rotate the building bezel (this is the square bezel) to correspond with the 'A' side of the building as directed by the Incident Commander.



Step 5: Use the pointer bezel (gray bezel with the tab) to show the general relationship of the command post, or point of entry relative to the building bezel designations.



Step 6: Refer to the FireGround Compass® occasionally to re-orient yourself to your general position within the building.



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Please note the following items regarding compass functionality:

- The FireGround Compass® will experience interference if held in close proximity to iron pillars and racks, speaker magnets, electrical panels, cell phones or rebar in concrete floors and walls.
- Avoid proximity to ferrous materials or electromagnetic fields.
- The compass needs to be held level within 15 degrees. If not held level, the needle may settle on a non-North position.
- The compass itself is waterproof, but the battery compartment is not. If exposed to water, we recommend unscrewing the battery back and blowing out/hanging the unit up to dry.

FireGround Compass® Restrictions/Disclaimers

- The FireGround Compass® is only intended to be used by professional firefighters.
- Failure to read and follow the products warnings and instructions may result in personal injury and/or property damage.
- Practice with the FireGround Compass® frequently. These practices should include the target hazard structures in your community.
- Occasionally, check the accuracy of the internal compass against that of another compass.
- The purpose of the FireGround Compass® is to prevent disorientation in "Big Box" type stores and warehouses. It is intended to keep you moving in a straight line and get you to a wall where your basic firefighting skills should again take over. Never allow a technological device to take you further into a dangerous situation. Always rely on basic firefighting skills.
- Although the FireGround Compass® is constructed with fire resistant plastic and materials, Halcyon Products makes no warranty as to the ability of the FireGround Compass® to withstand extreme temperatures.
- Do not use near speakers, magnets, or heavy power sources as these items may result in compass interference.
- Remove the back of the unit occasionally and check for corrosion, clean as needed.
- After exposure to water, remove back and dry.
- Replace batteries as needed and at least once a year.
- The FireGround Compass® carries a 90 day warranty.
- Contact Halcyon Products, Inc. for questions.

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