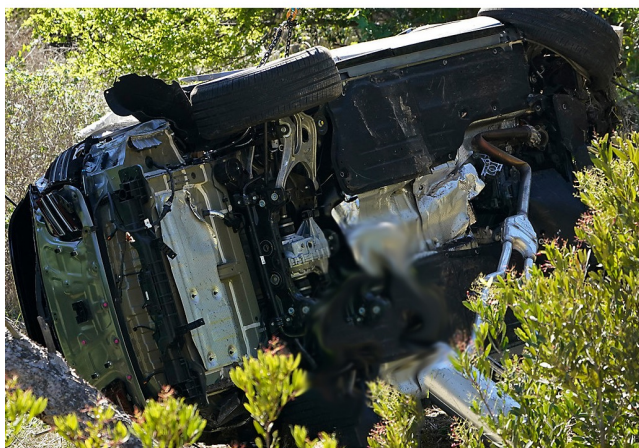


Vehicle in a dangerous position:

If a vehicle is in a dangerous position, we need to either secure it in its current position or it will need to be moved to a safer position to allow the rescue to be carried out. If the vehicle is in a dangerous position, greater control will be needed to make sure the situation isn't worsened and the evolution can be achieved in one go, ideally without having to stop and start. Effective planning and crew ability are paramount, or the use of specialist teams might be needed, again this will depend on time factors and the casualty's situation within the vehicle. In most cases its more about securing the vehicle in place to allow the rescue to be carried out.



Vehicle relocation to achieve a better extraction:

An area of rescue that needs to be developed further is the use of Vehicle Relocation to improve the rescue and provide a more robust casualty centred rescue. In situations where the vehicle is in a position that would create difficult access to the casualty and therefore extend extrication times considerable, vehicle Relocation must be considered.

With a vehicle resting against a tree for example, access would be difficult especially if there has been some form of roof deformation, limited access, limited extrication space and working room are just some of the many issues you will face.

So why not winch the vehicle back onto its wheels?

This would then give you full 360 access to the vehicle, providing better access and treatment for the casualty, whilst providing more extrication and space creation options.

With a well trained crew these techniques can be carried out relatively efficiently with the end result being a quicker more casualty centred rescue, its certainly better than trying to work around a vehicle and obstruction.

With casualty carers and a casualty in the vehicle it is a very smooth transition to the ground, having carried this out many times the response from people in the vehicle was that they hardly knew it was moving.

Vehicle Relocation should become one of your go to options for situations where a rescue in situ is not viable or would become too complex, where moving the vehicle would benefit and improve rescue times. It must be casualty centred and carried out with a well trained crew.

What you do not want to happen is to try and relocate the vehicle only to find it can not be achieved mid flow, this would not be an acceptable outcome. If you have any comments or incidents you would like to share, email us at rtc.rescue@gmail.com