

HELICOPTER EMERGENCY

ACTION (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER)
Sound the general emergency alarm
Muster all crew, take head count, explain the emergency situation to all crew and the action plan
Inform engine room / Keep M/E on 'standby'
Fix ship's position
Alter course and speed as required to keep fire and smoke clear of deck
Initiate emergency procedures for the situation prevailing
Send "Urgency / Distress" message as applicable & inform all ships in vicinity
Establish Communication (Using portable VHF transceivers or other means)
Isolate all power to the area in the vicinity of incident
Make analysis of situation; consider priority of measures
Initiate external response if required
Ensure crew safety. Evacuate crew from helicopter as soon as possible
If possible switch off power on helicopter
Confirm readiness of Fire Main water, Fixed Fire-fighting appliances etc
Start fire pumps
Keep first aid kit , stretcher, blankets etc in readiness
Announce 'All-clear' so that the crew may safely emerge to attend to personnel rescue and firefighting operations
When ordered by command team, approach helicopter wearing protective clothing to effect rescue, using axe, wire cutters and crow bar etc as necessary
If fire is small consider use of extinguishers for fire fighting
Provide water spray or foam as applicable. Contain and extinguish the fire/explosion, if any
Keep survival crafts ready for launching if required
When fire is extinguished and crew rescued, investigate damage and check re-ignition risk
Evacuate injured to a safe & comfortable location
Assess damage to ships structure
Make notifications to relevant parties

References:

- Guide to helicopter/ ship operations
- IAMSAR