SURVEY SAFETY TIP

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Relations with the Public

Although seldom thought of as a dangerous situation, the way we relate to the public and the way they relate to City Of Los Angeles employees are crucial in promoting a safe and healthy work environment. Some of the general situations that may be encountered are:

1. **Entering private property for the purpose of Surveying:**
   Although State law permits the entry on to private property for surveying purposes, we need to take every precaution to notify the property owner and get permission to enter. If the property owner is hostile or refuses to let you enter upon their land, contact the party that requested the Survey and have them obtain a “Right of Entry”. Try to build a rapport with the property owner and gain their trust. Explain why you need entry. This may alleviate the problem and gain you permission to enter upon their property. Any hostility or refusal should also be reported to your Supervisor.

2. **Working in a hostile area**
   The City Of Los Angeles is a large entity with many different variables in regards to areas and residents. Some areas may be more hostile than others due to gang activity, homeless population and a host of other determining factors.
   **Be Aware of:**
   - Suspicious Activity or Behavior
   - Dead end Streets and Alleys
   - Isolated Areas
   Caution should be used to protect all persons on the crew as well as any Surveying equipment that is being used. Survey vehicles should be locked at all times when the crew is away from the vehicle. Being aware and in contact with other crew members is crucial. If a situation appears dangerous, pick up the equipment and leave immediately. Discuss a safer way to proceed with your Supervisor.