18 WATCH OUT SITUATIONS

1. FIRE NOT SCOUTED OR SIZED UP

2. IN COUNTRY NOT SEEN IN DAYLIGHT

3 SAFETY ZONES AND ESCAPE ROUTES

4. UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR

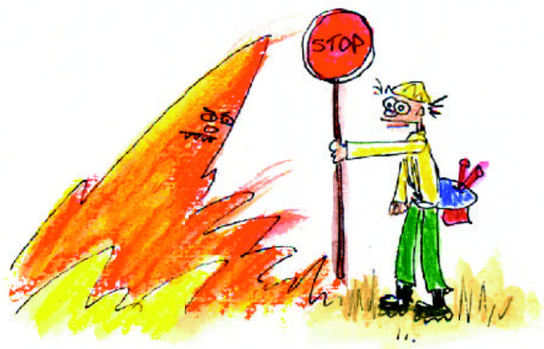
5. UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS, AND HAZARDS

6. INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

7. NO COMMUNICATION LINK WITH CREW MEMBERS OR SUPERVISOR

8. CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT SAFE ANCHOR POINT

9. BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

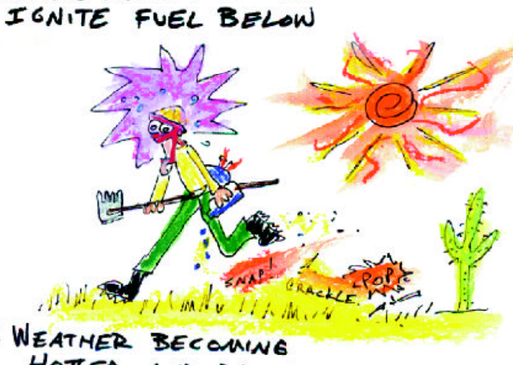


10. ATTEMPTING FRONTAL ASSAULT ON FIRE

11. UNBURNED FUEL BETWEEN YOU AND THE FIRE

12. CANNOT SEE MAIN FIRE, NOT IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN

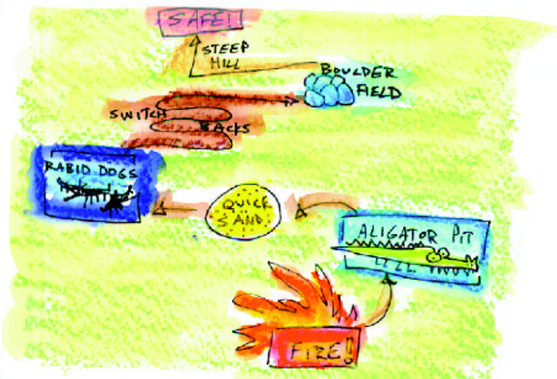
13. ON A HILLSIDE WHERE ROLLING MATERIAL CAN IGNITE FUEL BELOW



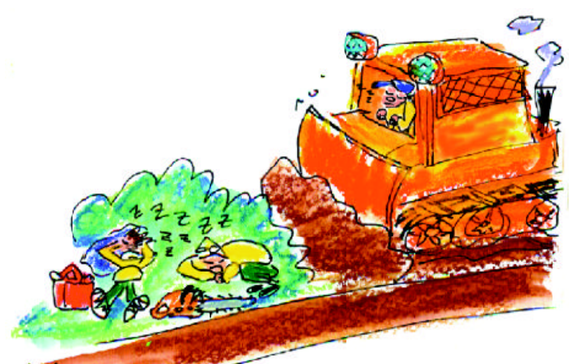
14. WEATHER BECOMING HOTTER AND DRIER

15. WIND INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES DIRECTION

16. GETTING FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE



17. TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONE DIFFICULT



18. TAKING A NAP NEAR FIRELINE

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