

What to Expect as a Victim Actor

Thank you for volunteering to be a victim actor. Your presence as an actor is valuable as your interaction with the responders creates the realistic stress of working in an unknown situation. Your role as a victim actor with specific mock injuries will add life-like realism to the exercise.

Our **Moulage Team** will apply theatrical makeup to create a medical condition, injury, or wound that will need to be treated by the rescuers. If you have any allergies or skin sensitivities, please let us know!

To make your experience safe and more comfortable **PLEASE READ** below for what you need to know.

1. No acting experience required! We will coach you.
2. If you have had a recent surgery, treatment, procedure, or injury we do not want you to be a victim actor today for your own safety.
3. Wear comfortable clothing that can be stained, cut, or torn. Do not wear CERT, Fire Dept., or EMS attire.
4. Wear long pants and shoes with closed toes and heels – no clogs, Crocs, sandals or flipflops.
5. Dress in layers for the weather, which may change over the duration of the exercise as the day warms up. You may be on a cold floor or damp ground for a long time. You may be inside or outside. It could be dark inside.
6. You may be asked to wear an N95 or KN95 mask for your protection. If needed, it will be provided for you.
7. Don't wear jewelry or other accessories that may pose a safety hazard.
8. Leave knives/weapons, sharp objects, and valuables in your vehicle.
9. Use sunscreen and/or insect repellent if outside.
10. Wear a hat for warmth and/or sun protection.
11. Bring something to read or occupy your time while awaiting rescue. And, have a safe place to stow it and your cell phone when rescuers arrive. It will probably be a couple of hours!
12. Bring a **water bottle**. Bring a snack if you wish.
13. We will have **Actor Advocates** looking out for your safety during the exercise. If you become cold, hot, thirsty, or need to use the restroom, please let them know
14. When you arrive, check in with **Accountability**. When you leave, check out with **Accountability**. Do not wander off from your location without letting us know.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Safety@fairfaxcountycert.org, Trainingdiv@fairfaxcountycert.org, or Moulage@fairfaxcountycert.org.

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