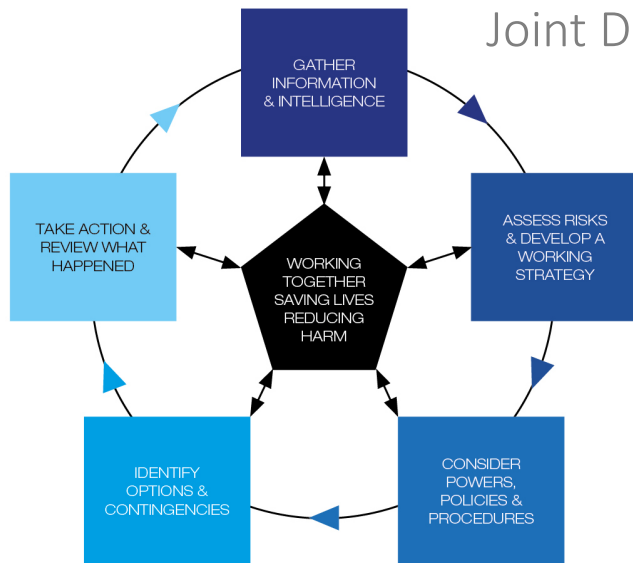


Joint Decision Model Quick Reference Guide (v1.0)



What do we know (M/ETHANE, SitReps)...what don't we know...what do we need to know?

Dynamic/Analytical risk assessments (single agency)
Share them to develop a **Joint Understanding of risk.**
What can you do NOW!

What frameworks exist for you to operate within...is it legal?

What can we do?
What can we do if plans A, B and C don't work?

Do something and see what happens? If you don't get the desired outcome go around again and consider your contingencies!

At each stage of the process, reflect back to your core values, what is your aim and objectives?

When developing a working strategy, commanders should consider these questions:

- **What:** Are the aims and objectives?
- **Who by:** Police, fire and rescue services, the ambulance service and other organisations?
- **When:** Timescales, deadlines and milestones?
- **Where:** What locations?
- **Why:** What is the rationale? Is it consistent with the overall strategic aims and objectives?
- **How:** Will these tasks be achieved?

Potential options or courses of action should be evaluated, considering:

- **Suitability** Does it fit with the strategic direction?
- **Feasibility** Can it be done with the available resources?
- **Acceptability** Is it legal, morally defensible and justifiable?

Refer to decision controls (opposite). Decision controls support and validate the decision-making process. They encourage reflection and set out a series of points to consider before making a decision:

Note that points (a) to (d) are intended to structure a **joint** consideration of the issues, with (e) suggesting some considerations for individual reflection.

DECISION CONTROLS	A) Why are we doing this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What goals are linked to this decision? • What does the rationale and is that jointly agreed? • Does it support Working together, saving lives and reducing harm?
	B) What do we think will happen?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the likely outcome of the action, in particular what is the impact on the objective and other activities? • How will the incident change as a result of these actions, what outcomes do we expect?
	C) In light of these considerations, is the benefit proportional to the risk?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the benefits of proposed actions justify the risks that would be accepted?
	D) Do we have a common understanding and position on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The situation, its likely consequences and potential outcomes? • The available information, critical uncertainties and key assumptions? • Terminology and measures being used by all those involved in the response? • Individual agency working practices related to a joint response? • Conclusions drawn and communications made?
	E) As an individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the collective decision in line with my professional judgement and experience? • Have we (as individual and as a team) reviewed the decision with critical rigour? • Are we (as individual and as a team) content that this decision is the best practicable solution?