

# Plane Crash Survival

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You and your group were flying in a small airplane that crashed. None of you were hurt, but the pilot was killed. The airplane looks like it cannot be repaired. You are in the middle of the woods somewhere far from any towns or cities. You do not know exactly where you are. It is the middle of winter. It is very cold outside. There is snow on the ground and there is a running stream nearby.

You are wearing normal casual clothes for the winter, including winter coats. You go through the plane and find the items below. Everything else, including anything in your pockets, was destroyed or lost in the crash.

You need to survive until the rescue team finds you.

- A small ax
- A loaded gun
- Newspapers (one per person)
- Cigarette lighter (without fluid)
- Extra shirt and pants for each survivor
- 20 x 20 ft. piece of heavy-duty canvas
- A sectional air map made of plastic
- One quart of vodka
- A compass
- One big chocolate bar per person

*Your task as a group is rank the items in order of importance for your survival. As you do so, think of the uses for each. You must come to agreement as a group.*

## Plane Crash Survival Notes on Each Item

**Small Ax:** Can be used to cut firewood, to defend against animals, to cut up animals for food, to dig a hole for a fire or for a toilet. Dangerous if someone gets out of control.

**Gun:** To defend against animals or to hunt for food, to start a fire, to make noise if they see a rescue team. Dangerous if someone gets out of control.

**Newspapers:** To read if you get bored, to help start a fire, to put inside clothes for warmth, to sit on to keep your clothes clean.

**Cigarette Lighter:** You may think it is useless without fluid, but it still makes a spark which can be caught by the newspaper, the string, or some kindling

**Extra shirt and pants:** Clothes to keep warm, fuel for a fire, material for a tent, maybe bright colors to signal a rescue team, something to sleep on.

**Canvas:** You can make a tent out of it. You can sit on it to keep off the cold snow. Could be used to make blankets.

**Air map:** To sit on, as the wall of a tent. Trying to locate where you are would be almost impossible since you don't know the exact route of the plane and the air map will only show things clearly visible from the air so small villages or buildings would be ignored.

**Vodka:** Good to start a fire. In small amounts to calm people down. Dangerous if people get drunk. Alcohol also lowers your body temperature.

**Compass:** Reflects the sun to create light. Again, you don't know where you are or where the nearest town so using it to try to walk somewhere is probably dangerous.

**Chocolate Bar:** Food. The wrappers could be used to help light a fire.