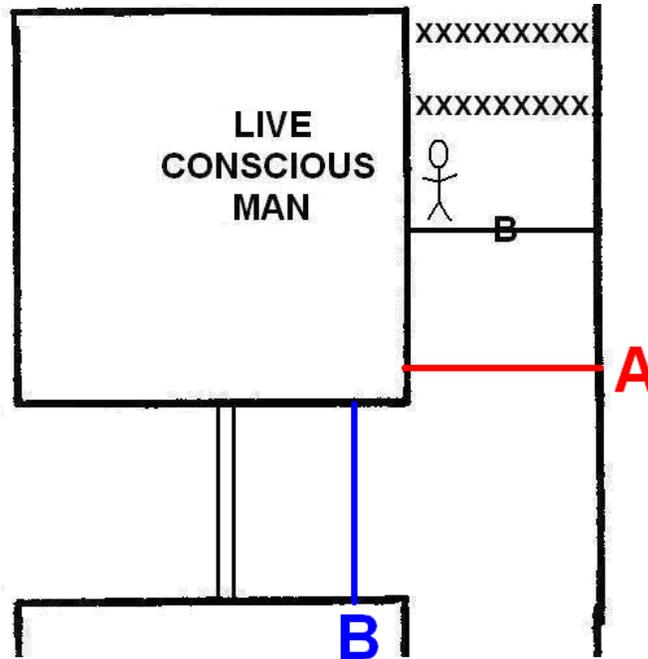


## Interpretations of B Card: E. Miscellaneous; Rule 41(B)



41. Failure to remove patient(s) promptly to the fresh-air base, each infraction\_\_\_6

- B. When a team reaches a patient(s) (visual contact), every effort must be made to remove them safely and promptly to the fresh-air base. Exploring ahead of the location will be limited to 25 feet in any direction. The 25 foot limit will be determined from the stopping point at or outby the patient(s).

The team may perform any function during this team stop. The team may not continue to explore while retreating with the patient, unless required by the problem design.

QUESTION: Team finds a live conscious man inside a barricade which does not have an irrespirable atmosphere in front of it. Mine rescue team gets frames and builds airlock (A) in front of the barricade in order to recover the live conscious man. Once the team reaches the live conscious man, the team realizes after the team takes the live conscious man to the fresh air base, the team will need to build airlock (B) in order to travel through the permanent stopping, when the team returns to this area,

Can the team build airlock (B) from the same team stop they recovered the live conscious man from prior to taking the live conscious man to the fresh air base and still be considered removing the patient promptly?

ANSWER: The intent of Rule 41(B) was to remove the patient as safely and promptly as possible to the fresh-air base.

Rule 41(B) is amended to state, "The team may perform any function during this team stop. **Once the patient has been prepared for removal to the fresh-air base, no additional function(s) may be performed, excluding requirements of other rules and problem design.** The team may not continue to explore while retreating with the patient, unless required by the problem design.

**(This addendum is to go into effect June 8, 2009.)**