

# SEARCH URGENCY (BACK COUNTRY)



Operation name:	Time:
Prepared by:	Date:

	Missing persons (MP):	Value	Comments
Number of missing persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP is alone (value is 1)</li> <li>• A group but they are separated (value is 1–2)</li> <li>• A group but they are together (value is 3)</li> </ul>		
Age of missing persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP very young (value is 1)</li> <li>• MP very old (value is 1)</li> <li>• Other (value is 2–4)</li> </ul>		
Medical conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Known or suspected injury/illness/condition (value is 1–2)</li> <li>• MP is healthy (value is 3)</li> <li>• Known fatality (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP is unfit (value is 1)</li> <li>• MP is fit (value is 2)</li> <li>• MP is very fit (value is 3)</li> </ul>		
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP not experienced; not familiar with area (value is 1)</li> <li>• MP not experienced; but knows the area (value is 2)</li> <li>• MP is experienced; but not familiar with area (value is 3)</li> <li>• MP is experienced; and knows the area (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Reliability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reliable, punctual (being late is out of character) (value is 1)</li> <li>• Usually reliable, on time, (value is 2)</li> <li>• Reliability, functionality questionable (value is 3)</li> <li>• Completely unreliable (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP's clothing is inadequate for conditions (value is 1)</li> <li>• MP's clothing is adequate for conditions (value is 2)</li> <li>• MP's are well clothed/prepared for conditions (value is 3)</li> </ul>		
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MP's gear is inadequate for their situation (value is 1)</li> <li>• MP's gear is questionable (value is 2)</li> <li>• MP's gear is adequate for their situation (value is 3)</li> <li>• MP's is well equipped for any situation (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing hazardous weather (value is 1)</li> <li>• Predicted hazardous weather (within 8 hours) (value is 2)</li> <li>• No hazardous weather (more than 8 hours) (value is 3)</li> <li>• No hazardous weather predicted (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Terrain hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrain has known hazards (value is 1)</li> <li>• Difficult terrain (value is 2)</li> <li>• Terrain has few hazards (value is 3)</li> <li>• Easy terrain, no known hazards (value is 4)</li> </ul>		
Length of time missing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missing over 12 hours (value is 1)</li> <li>• Missing 4–12 hours (value is 2)</li> <li>• Missing under 4 hours (value is 3)</li> <li>• Missing more than 7 days (value is 4)</li> </ul>		

Search Urgency	Total
Requires emergency response	11–18
A measured response	19–27
Evaluate and investigate	28–41

Approved:	Date/time:
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- Notes:**
1. If any category rates as a 1, regardless of the total, consider an emergency response
  2. If any answer is unknown the response value = 1
  3. Enter this assessment and result into the incident log/chronology
  4. Have another person independently complete assessment