



Search & Rescue Team Hasty Search Checklist for Missing Person Searches

- Conduct a brief interview and investigation to determine if the missing person incident may require a search.** If a search is warranted, determine search urgency using the Marion County Sheriff's Office Search Urgency Evaluation. Children, Alzheimer's patients and other high risk categories qualify for high urgency action. *(For children, see missing child check list).*
- Conduct a hasty search of the surrounding area using patrol resources.** Keep track of what was searched for future planning.
 - If further action is warranted contact the Marion County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center and request to speak with the Marion County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Coordinator.
- Secure the area around the point last seen (PLS) to preserve clues such as human scent and foot tracks.**
- Identify Video Cameras along suspected path.** Determine if any of them make a recording that can be taken and reviewed.
 - Secure a command post. Please do not use the immediate area of the point last seen or the subject's residence as the command post. Desirable facilities for a command post would include sufficient parking, power, workrooms and bathrooms.
- Identify the location of scent articles for dog handlers to collect when they arrive on scene.** Whenever possible, please allow the dog handlers to collect items.
- Obtain a photograph of the missing subject and prepare a TRAK flyer.**
 - Issue a county wide B.O.L. for missing subject and enter the missing subject into NCIC.
 - Identify a supervisor that will assume incident command of the search.
 - Request that the Reporting Party (RP), and others that have information about the missing subject, be available for interviews by search and rescue members.
 - Identify a Press Information Officer (PIO) from your agency to manage the media.
 - Please have Police Officers, Deputies or Rangers who are knowledgeable with the area available to assist with planning the search.