SEARCH URGENCY – LAND

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Operation name:			Time:
Prepared by:			Date:

	Missing persons (MP):	Value	Comments
Number of missing persons	• MP is alone (value is 1) • A group but they are separated (value is 1–2) • A group but they are together (value is 3)		
Age of missing persons	• MP very young (value is 1) • MP very old (value is 1) • Other (value is 2–4)		
Medical conditions	• Known or suspected injury/illness/condition (value is 1–2) • MP is healthy (value is 3) • Known fatality (value is 4)		
Fitness	• MP is unfit (value is 1) • MP is fit (value is 2) • MP is very fit (value is 3)		
Experience	• MP not experienced; not familiar with area (value is 1) • MP not experienced; but knows the area (value is 2) • MP is experienced; but not familiar with area (value is 3) • MP is experienced; and knows the area (value is 4)		
Reliability	• Reliable, punctual (being late is out of character) (value is 1) • Usually reliable, on time, (value is 2) • Reliability, functionality questionable (value is 3) • Completely unreliable (value is 4)		
Clothing	• MP's clothing is inadequate for conditions (value is 1) • MP's clothing is adequate for conditions (value is 2) • MP's are well clothed/prepared for conditions (value is 3)		
Equipment	• MP's gear is inadequate for their situation (value is 1) • MP's gear is questionable (value is 2) • MP's gear is adequate for their situation (value is 3) • MP's is well equipped for any situation (value is 4)		
Weather	• Existing hazardous weather (value is 1) • Predicted hazardous weather (within 8 hours) (value is 2) • No hazardous weather (more than 8 hours) (value is 3) • No hazardous weather predicted (value is 4)		
Terrain hazards	• Terrain has known hazards (value is 1) • Difficult terrain (value is 2) • Terrain has few hazards (value is 3) • Easy terrain, no known hazards (value is 4)		
Length of time missing	• Missing over 12 hours (value is 1) • Missing 4–12 hours (value is 2) • Missing under 4 hours (value is 3) • Missing more than 7 days (value is 4)		

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

Approved:		Date/time:

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