

Risk Assessments for: General Preparedness -Search Technician/Incident Control Members. **Date of Assessment:** January 2008

Description of Hazard	Persons Affected	Severity - Likelihood Scoring	Risk	Control Measures	Residual Risk	Implemented by.	By When.
Manual Handling injury from equipment/ back-pack carrying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians I/C staff 	C x 2	Medium risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manual handling training Correct lifting techniques Correct packing of Back-packs Observation & instruction by team members Carrying of essential kit/ equipment only for type of search 	D x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training officer Search manager Team leaders Search technicians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation for & during search During training sessions
Member becoming unwell (pre-existing medical condition) and affecting own safety and team members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer concerned 	D x 3	Medium risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member to advise Search manager and team leader of pre-existing condition Volunteer to ensure relevant medication is about person or in I/C Assessment of volunteer's fitness prior to duty/ training Volunteer to step down if unwell during duty First aider in team 	E x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer concerned Team Leader Search Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to search/ training & during
Member becoming unwell or injured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer concerned 	D x 3	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of volunteer's fitness prior to duty/ training Volunteer to step down if unwell during duty or training First aider in team 	E x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer concerned Team Leader Search Manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to search/ training & during

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Fatigue of searchers/ members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Search Technicians I/C members 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of volunteers condition, welfare during duties Volunteer self awareness Retirement of volunteer if unwell Volunteer to ensure fluid intake and food Rest periods as required 	C x 2 = Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Team Leader Search Manager 	During and post search/ training
Cold/ wet weather conditions: Hypothermia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All volunteers 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing of appropriate clothing for conditions Full set of spare clothes Assessment of welfare/ condition Volunteer self awareness Fluid and food intake Retirement from duties if ill affected 	D x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Team Leader Search Manager 	During and post search/ training
Hot/ humid weather conditions: Sunburn/ Heat stroke:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All volunteers 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing of appropriate clothing for conditions Sun screen application Volunteer to ensure fluid intake Rest periods as required Retirement from duties if ill affected 	D x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Team Leader Search Manager 	During and post search/ training

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Road hazards/ vehicle hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search technician • Misper, if found 	C x 3	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global observation • Awareness of road hazards • PPE – high vis’ jackets • 	D x 3 = Moderate risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leader • Search Technicians 	Before & during search duties
Electric shock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I/C staff • Volunteers if in Control area 	D x 4	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure generators are earth bonded • Use reduce voltage equipment in wet weather • Caution around electric fences 	D x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Manager • Search Technicians 	Before, & during search duties
Inability to maintain radio contact with I/C. Risk of missing important/ vital information, and inability to raise alarm in an emergency situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Technicians • Misper, if found • Other volunteers/ police working with NorLSAR members 	C x 2	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure radios are charged after every search • Ensure radio checks before searching area • Ensure each team has mobile phones in range as back-up • I/C to keep a log of when radio contact has been made to track communication 	D x 2 = Low risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search Manager • Team Leader 	Before and during search/ training

NB – see specific risk assessments for all other hazards. (I.e confined spaces, woodland search etc)

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