

WSCMRT - Evaluating Search Urgency

The lower the numerical rating of the factor, the higher the relative urgency becomes. The chart is intended as a guide. It is a tool for the manager to use in evaluating individual incidents. All figures are relative and the total derived from the chart only indicates a possible relative urgency. All other factors bearing on the incident must also be evaluated by the Incident Commander in the process of finally establishing urgency.

Over-reaction is justifiable, Under-reaction is inexcusable!

Factor	Rating	
Subject Profile		
Age		
Very young	1	
Very old	1	
Other	2-3	
Medical Condition		
Known/suspected injured, ill, or mental problem	1-2	
Healthy	3	
Known fatality	3	
Number of Subjects		
One alone	1	
More than one (unless separation suspected)	2-3	
Subject Experience Profile		
Not experienced; does not know area	1	
Not experienced; knows area		1-2
Experienced; not familiar with area	2	
Experienced; knows area	3	
Weather Profile		
Past and/or existing hazardous weather	1	
Predicted hazardous weather (8 hrs. or less)	1-2	
Predicted hazardous weather (more than 8 hrs. away)	2	
No hazardous weather predicted	3	
Equipment Profile		
Inadequate for environment and weather	1	
Questionable for environment and weather	1-2	
Adequate for environment and weather	3	
Terrain/Hazards Profile		
Known hazardous terrain or other hazards	1	
Few or no hazards	2-3	
TOTAL RANGE	7-21	