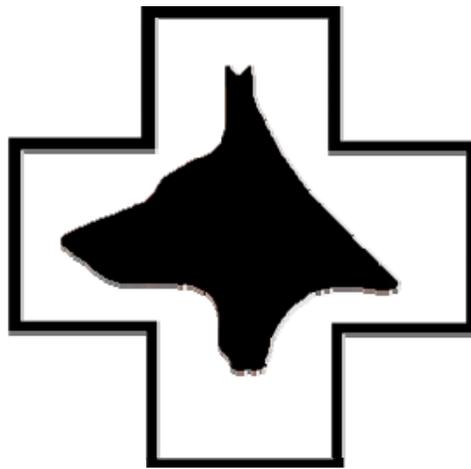
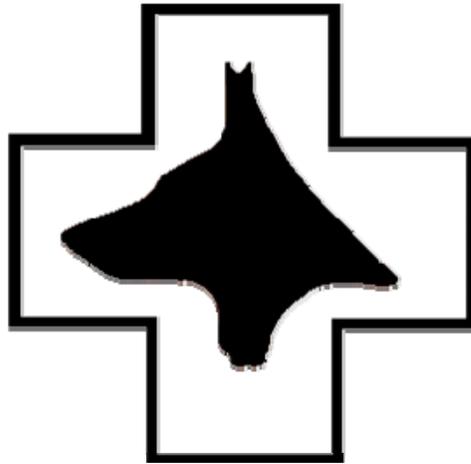


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Required Minimum Equipment

This list of clothing and equipment is intended as a guide of the minimum necessary for safe and effective search and rescue activity rather than a definitive list of everything that is needed for every possible search condition. Additional clothing and equipment may be required as dictated by the specific search conditions. In some cases, not all of this equipment will be necessary, but it is important that the searcher have it immediately available at every search scene in case it is needed.

Clothing

1. Identification badge or patch with your name and SAR group affiliation
2. A long sleeve shirt
3. Field pants
4. Boots
5. Gloves
6. Helmet
7. High visibility water repellent/resistant jacket
8. Cold weather clothing: jacket, pants, socks, gloves, and hat (seasonal)
9. Gaiters/leg protection (recommended)
10. Water repellent/resistant pants (recommended)

Personal Pack – This pack remains in base camp or owner's vehicle.

1. Extra Socks
2. Extra undergarments
3. Extra gloves
4. Extra shirt
5. Extra pants
6. Extra pair of shoes
7. Ball cap or similar sun protection
8. Wool sweater or similar layer
9. Toiletry kit
10. Sleeping bag

11. Mess kit
12. Sterno or dry fuel tablets
13. Food for 2 days (dog and handler)
14. Water (2 gallons)
15. Tent (recommended)

Field Pack – This pack is carried into the field.

1. Radio with an extra battery (may be supplied by the group)
2. Compass (2)
3. Global Positioning System (may be supplied by the group)
4. Whistle – low pitch
5. Water storage container(s) for at least ½ gallon
6. Heavy duty knife
7. Flashlight with spare bulb and batteries (or 2 flashlights)
8. Headlight (spare bulb and batteries are recommended)
9. Surveyors flagging or equivalent
10. Pliers
11. Nail clippers (handler/dog)
12. Tweezers
13. High visibility dog collar and/or vest
14. Leash
15. Muzzle
16. Paper and pencil
17. Nylon rope – about 50 feet (1/8 inch)
18. Signal mirror (mirror on compass okay)
19. Waterproof matches (8) with striker
20. Sterno or dry fuel tablets
21. Metal cup/container (to heat water)
22. Food (high energy snacks, one emergency meal for dog and handler)
23. Band-Aids (8)
24. Moleskin
25. Vet wrap (3” minimum)

26. Sterile compress bandage (1)
27. Triangular bandages (2)
28. Roller gauze (2)
29. Antiseptic ointment
30. Sugar cubes or glucose
31. Safety pins (8)
32. Adhesive tape
33. Kwik Stop or equivalent
34. Benadryl (6)
35. Insect repellent (seasonal)
36. Tissues/toilet paper
37. Extra socks (1 pair)
38. Eye protection
39. Medical gloves (latex or similar) (4)
40. Wool cap/balaclava or equivalent (seasonal)
41. Plastic tarp (9' X12' minimum)
42. Space blankets (2)
43. Bouillon cubes or soup packets (recommended)
44. Powdered drink to hydrate (recommended)
45. Heat packs (recommended)
46. Sunscreen (recommended)
47. Lip balm/protection (recommended)
48. Neckerchief/bandana (recommended)

Additional Items for Water Search

1. Personal Floatation Device (PFD) for human (may be supplied by unit)
2. Personal Floatation Device (PFD) for canine (recommended; may be supplied by unit)

Search of swift-water requires additional equipment including, but not limited to helmet and life-line.