



National  
Operational  
Guidance

## Control measure

**Identify areas that have been  
searched**



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### Control measure knowledge

To prevent duplication of effort and potential delays in covering unsearched areas, there should be effective search co-ordination as the incident progresses. Detailed debriefing of teams on their progress against objectives and the extent of the areas covered should be carried out and the results recorded. Any areas that have not yet been searched should be prioritised and identified to subsequent search teams as part of their brief.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Have procedures for co-ordinating the areas to be searched
- Have procedures for debriefing teams following search and recording of outcomes in a way that can be shared with subsequent search teams

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Consider appointing a search coordinator to ensure all areas have been systematically searched
- Consider establishing a search sector to co-ordinate fire survival guidance and prioritise response