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Guidance

## Control measure

**Clearly defined area of operations:  
Flooding**



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### Control measure knowledge

The area of operations during a flood may be vast. To help manage wide area flooding, it can be subdivided. Intelligence reports will contribute to defining the area of operations and the development of a common operating picture (COP). The defined area may be dynamic and require updating regularly.

Sectors identified for search-related tasks should be searchable within an operational period for the assigned asset and have clearly identifiable boundaries. There should be a clear plan of action to deal with flood casualties and survivors.

### Strategic actions

Fire and rescue services should:

- Ensure incident commanders understand the principles of search co-ordination

### Tactical actions

Incident commanders should:

- Implement a co-ordinated search plan, define parameters and subdivide the area where necessary