

STEADIER GROUND FIELD CARD

Reported Missing from Home or a Facility

ASK AT THE SCENE

- "When did you last physically see them?"
- "Where did they live before this? Where did they work?"
- "What were they wearing, and do they have shoes on?"
- "Has this happened before, and where did you find them?"

AVOID SAYING

- "How did this happen?" It reads as blame and shuts down what you need.

SEARCH PRIORITIES

1. High urgency from minute one. No fatalities in the Virginia study when found within 24 hours; 46% past it.
2. Search the residence or facility fully first: closets, vehicles, stairwells.
3. Prioritize water, culverts, ditches, marsh, heavy brush. They go until they get stuck.
4. Straight line out from the exit. Walk the ground just off roads and trails.
5. Send units to the former address and former workplace.
6. Get registry info and a current photo.

When you find them: one person, from the front, no grabbing. Medical evaluation for exposure and unwitnessed falls by default.

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