

NO	HAZARD	LOCATION	WHO IS AT RISK	HAZARD REDUCTION METHODS	ACCEPTABLE RESIDUAL RISK
1	All hazards	Training area	All personnel & Canines	A full reconnaissance to be carried out several days before commencement of any search training. To identify possible hazards.	YES
2	Collision with vehicles	Training area	All personnel & Canines	All handlers to wear hi - viz clothing. Canines to be kept under control at all times or kennelled in vehicles when not working.	YES
3	Fall from Height Ditches, holes, fencing, rivers, water, broken glass, debris, Slip / trip / fall Railway tracks, Roads etc, Low trees and branches, wildlife and domestic farm stock.	Training area	All personnel & Canines	Full reconnaissance to be carried out on the day of training where possible, to check all identified hazards and to see if the risk factors have changed. All new information to be communicated to handler before commencement of search. Team to always have a safety spotter attached to the team. All handlers and canine to wear the appropriate PPE.	YES
4	Darkness	Training area	All personnel & Canines	Handlers to carry and use high powered torches and canines to wear high Vis jacket with night light. Maintain regular communication on a regular basis.	YES
5	Poor communications & becoming lost	Training Area	All personnel & Canines	All handlers to carry radio communications for mobile phones. All dogs to wear ID tag or working jacket/harness to identify Fire Service SAR dog. Maps and GPS / compass to be carried. Full brief to be carried out to familiars handlers with the area. All dogs to be micro chipped.	YES

				Team to always have a safety spotter.	
6	Injuries	Training area	All personnel & Canines	First Aid & Trauma packs to be carried EMT qualified person to be available on site at all times Mobile phones / radios to be carried Canine Veterinary packs to be carried or available in vehicles All handlers to wear full PPE at all times Designated vehicle to transport handler / canine to hospital or veterinary surgeon.	YES
7	Dehydration	Training area	All personnel & Canines	Handlers to carry sufficient water for both handler and dog.	YES
8	Physical fatigue, tiredness	Training area	All personnel & canines	Rest breaks at regular intervals	YES
9	Weather conditions Excessive heat /Thunder etc	Training area	All personnel & canines	If risks levels can not be reduced to safe limits then postpone the search	YES