

Urban Search and Rescue Tip Sheet

Hallmark sign of dementia

- Tunnel vision resulting in the person travelling straight ahead, possibly into construction or hazards, until the person gets stuck or wedged

Indoor tactic

- Sweep the inside of entire buildings from the top floor down

Outdoor tactics

- Establish a search radius outward from the building
- Groups fan out in predetermined directions, setting search radius' up to 300 metres
- Check if the person is located within a crowd (e.g., standing at a busy intersection), or seated on a bench

Other considerations

- Search everywhere a person could possibly fit, despite how unlikely it seems (e.g., dumpsters, garbage cans, under cars, shrubs, hedges, bushes, small crawl spaces)