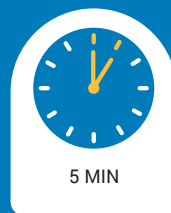


Search patterns



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Extension for rescue strategies

Search patterns help you recover lost people and items from the bottom of a pool, river, lake or beach. Work as a team to try to find all of the sunken items!

Equipment:

☐ Weighted objects

- 1 Submerge weighted objects at the bottom of the aquatic location (if in the river ensure it is safe – heavy enough to not move in the current, not too heavy to lift).
- 2 Explain what search patterns look like in underwater searches.
- 3 Participants will work in teams to start at the edge of the water. First, feel the area with their feet, then duck dive in a line to feel their way along the floor to find the submersed objects.
- 4 When coming up from the dive, realign, take two steps back and dive again to ensure they're covering the surface area.
- 5 Once they have recovered all the objects, throw them back in for the next team to repeat the exercise.

Dry modification:

Instead of completing this activity in the water, you can hide items amongst trees, sand or bushes. Have your participants complete a search pattern to find all of their hidden items!

Duck dive

