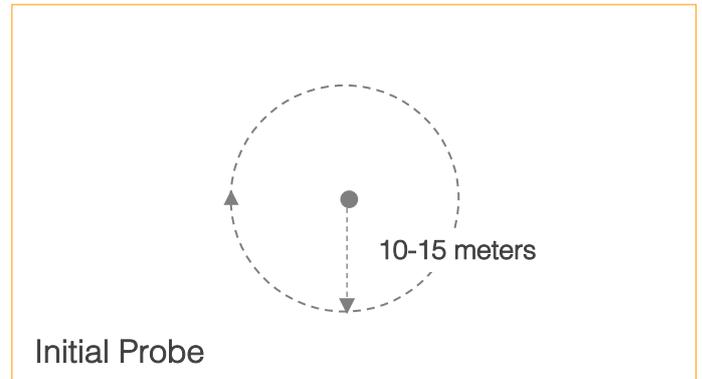
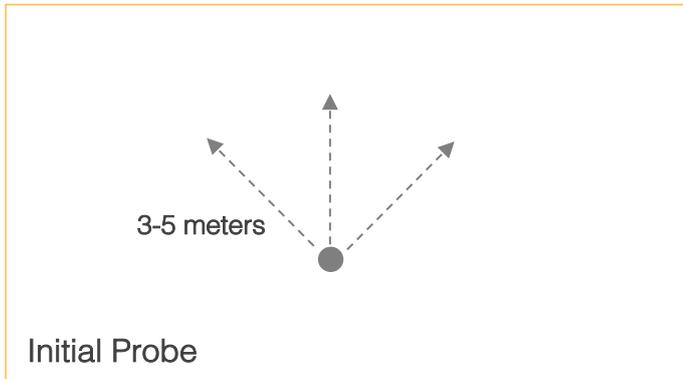


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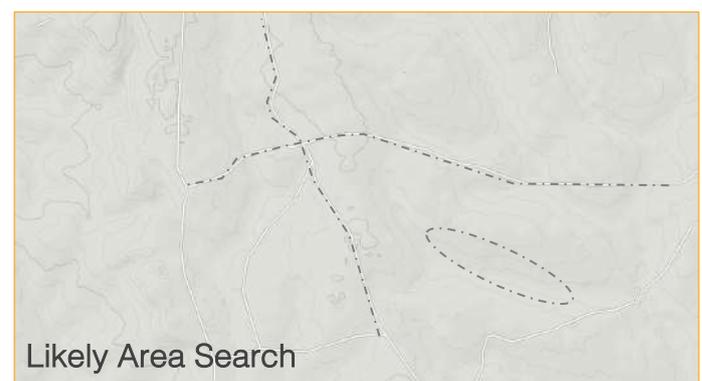
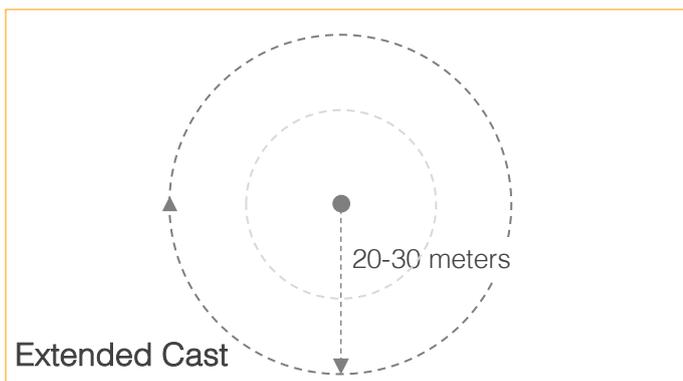
Tactical Tracking | Track Casting Drill

A tracker will inevitably lose sign and the track. This is no problem, as we have this drill in place to assist in re-establishing the correct sign as quick as possible. By following the track casting drill, we ensure that we don't destroy the sign or create foul sign that may hinder us, as well as re-establishing sign as quickly and safely as possible.



At the LDS, if the general direction cannot be established, the visual tracker (VT1) should perform the initial probe. The faster VT1 starts with this probe, the better. The cover man (CM) will take position at the LDS, and the tracker will probe every opening, starting with the most likely. VT1 will go no further than 3-5 meters and look for definitive sign indicating suspect movement. The end of the probe is marked with a single mark with the foot on the ground. Once sign is confirmed, VT1 will inform the CM with the appropriate hand signal, CM will form up with VT1 and the track is continued. If no sign is established, VT1 will proceed with the initial cast.

Leaving the CM at the LDS, the VT1 will move back 10-15 meters along the approach route. He will then perform a full 360 cast around the LDS. If sign is established, he will mark the sign, and will link it back to the LDS. He will indicate 'on track' to the CM. VT1 will at all times complete the cast, to identify a potential split-up of the suspect team. After completion VT1 and CM form up and continue the track. If no definitive sign can be established, the team will proceed with the Extended Cast.



Depending on the denseness of the vegetation and the threat, the team leader (TL) can choose to either perform the extended cast with the VT1 and CM, half the team or the whole team. Moving back from the LDS 20-30 meters, a full 360 will be performed around the LDS. If sign is established, VT1 will mark the sign, and will link it back to the LDS. He will indicate 'on track' to the team. He will at all times complete the cast, to identify a potential split-up of the suspect team. After completion the team forms up and continues the track. If no definitive sign can be established, the team will proceed with the Likely Area Search.

By use of the map, and/or intimate knowledge of the terrain, the team selects areas with natural track traps (inclines, luggas, streams and sand tracks) in line with the expected direction of the suspect(s) and will cut ahead to search these areas for definite sign. Record sufficient details of the suspect tracks, to ensure definitive identification of tracks. This is crucial, as there is no direct link through sign between the LDS and the re-established sign.