EXPEDITION SUPERVISOR TRAINING COURSE

We have a team overdue...

TRIVIAL

- Late due to getting lost, now back on track
- Assisted someone else or another team
- Tired or ill so slowed down
- Falling out between team
- Minor first aid incident
- Failure of kit – boots, rucksacks, stoves
- Bad weather
- Good weather – too hot to walk
- Farming changes
- Path rerouted or not there at all
- Difficult terrain, bog, heather, woods
- Given up and waiting to be picked up.

Team is en route so will be found easily by Supervisors, use of checkpoints will reduce the amount of searching required.

SERIOUS

Accident/illness

Team has stopped and sent two team members for help.

Team are en route so may be found by Supervisor but rescue team may be needed.

Information will arrive eventually via the team members sent for help.

Team has changed route and are coming off by escape route.

Team may be found eventually by patrolling the escape routes, or the team will get a message to the Supervisor via the emergency contact numbers.

Lost

Still lost

Have set up camp for the night but are safe and well.

Effective search is virtually impossible at night, put emergency services on standby, but team are safe and well. Leaders should not endanger their own safety.

Team is still moving in the hills but do not know where they are.

If getting dark assume team will put emergency procedures into place and make camp. Without knowing rough area to start the search in, searching is pointless. Make emergency services aware.

Now know where they are and are coming off by different route.

Team will eventually make contact when they reach communications.

At Bronze levels team may be located by driving around in a circle gradually increasing the diameter of the circle.