

Methods of search

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When police conduct searches of an area they can conduct them in many different ways. Some of these ways can be by foot search, leapfrog search, and a quadrant search. A foot search is when you park a block or two away from where you wanna search and use natural cover to conceal yourself, stopping every once and while to listen for the suspect. When you are sure there is no sign of the suspect you start interviewing witnesses and using the nearby building to assist via cameras. In a leapfrog search, you search an area while another officer follows you and searches the same area. This is used best in a building because it could be very easy to overlook something out of place. Lastly is a quadrant search where a scene is divided into quadrants and divided by four people. Each officer searches his own area or quadrant. Each officer should work from the outside in a zig-zag pattern. This makes sure that the full area was search thoroughly. This technique can be done with multiple officers however there needs to be at least four officers for the method to work.