Lost Person Behavior

Subject	25%	50%	75%	Max	Characteristics
Kids (1-3)	0.1	0.6	1.0	2/4	Wander aimlessly
Kids (4-6)	0.2	0.8	1.7	4.3	 Try to return home or familiar place Drawn by animals, pets, playmates May have been told not to talk to strangers
Kids (7-12)	0.1	0.6	1.5	10.0	 Get lost trying 'short cut' Easily confused in strange environment Attempt trail running May intentionally run away May fear punishment for getting lost
Kids (13-16)	0.6	1.1	1.8	3.1	 Attracted to specific site or activity Try direction sampling to find familiar landmark Responsive to searchers
Abducted or Murdered Kids	0.2	1.5	12.0	Unk	 Abduction may not be apparent at start Search area should focus on 50% Offender requires access to kid, means to quickly transport, Time to assault, secluded area to dump the body (focus on secluded areas with vehicle access) Usually found within 100 meters of roadway Search from inside out
Mentally retarded (all ages)	0.1	0.5	1.0	2.5	 Similar to kid (7-12) Usually no physical impairment Usually don't respond to their name Often hide from searchers
Despondents	0.1	0.2	1.6	5.0	 Look for solitude Usually not respond to searchers Usually hide from view May desire scenic view Usually within sight & sound of human development
Alzheimer's, Dementia	0.2	0.5	0.7	1.6	 Strong orientation to past events Usually don't respond to calls from searchers Tend to travel until entangled or too tired to continue
'Normal' Elderly	0.1	0.5	2.5	4.8	Never underestimate the capabilities of the 'old & feeble'
Hunters	1.0	1.5	2.4	5.0	
Hikers	0.6	1.4	3.0	9.0	 Usually responsive to searchers 75% use drainage as travel aid Can be destination or travel oriented Usually lack map & compass skills
Flooding Streams & Rivers	1.4	12.0	20.0	23.0	