

Some Missing Person Interview Questions

Identify yourself. Explain the purpose of the interview (to find the missing person)

About the interview:

Name of the person being interviewed:

Relationship of the person being interviewed with the missing person:

Names of the people conducting the interview: 1) 2)

Place of the interview:

Time of the interview:

Other people present:

About the missing person [SUBJECT]:

Name, Age, Male/Female

What does SUBJECT look like?

Follow up: height, weight, build, hair color, hair length and style, complexion, facial hair, glasses, general appearance, distinguishing marks, tattoos, glasses, shoe size.

Do you have any pictures of SUBJECT?

What was SUBJECT wearing on their feet? Follow up: type, brand, style, size, tread.

Who else might be with SUBJECT? Follow up: Names, contacts.

Last Seen

Where was SUBJECT last seen?

When was SUBJECT last seen?

Who saw SUBJECT leave?

Who saw SUBJECT last? Follow up: Contact: name, location, phone.

Which way was SUBJECT going when last seen?

What reason might SUBJECT have had for leaving?

What did SUBJECT say they were going to do?

Describe the clothing SUBJECT has on. Follow up: Colors, Styles, Make.

Describe any other clothing SUBJECT might have taken with them.

Follow up: Hat, shirt, outerwear (sweater, jacket), foul weather gear, rain gear, gloves, mittens, sunglasses.

Did SUBJECT take any money with them?

Did SUBJECT take anything else with them?

What was SUBJECT doing when they went missing?

What sort of equipment did SUBJECT have when they went missing?

Does subject have a vehicle? Follow up: Color, model, year. Where is it?

Does subject have a bike? Follow up: Color, type, year. Where is it?

If SUBJECT's vehicle/bike broke down, what would he/she do?

How did you find out that SUBJECT was missing?

What have you done to find SUBJECT?

Describe the events of the last few hours.

Describe the events of the last few days

Where was SUBJECT going?.

What were SUBJECT's trip plans?

What alternate routes might SUBJECT have taken?

Did SUBJECT leave any notes?

Groups

What goals did the group have?

How strong were those goals (e.g. Making it to a summit, making it to a shelter, picking some amount).

Who amongst the group are leaders?

What actions might members of the group take if separated?

What sort of personality clashes might exist in the group?

Health

How is SUBJECT's health?

How would you describe SUBJECT's physical condition? How physically active is SUBJECT?

Is SUBJECT seeing a doctor? Follow up: Dr's name and phone.

Does SUBJECT take any medications? Follow up: What kind of medication, when was it last taken, does SUBJECT have it with them, what happens if SUBJECT doesn't take their medication regularly, what happens if SUBJECT does take their medication regularly?

How much does SUBJECT drink? Follow up: Brands, where, any favorite bars?

How much does SUBJECT smoke? Follow up: Brands, how much, would they carry cigarettes, matches, lighters? What would SUBJECT do with butts?

How much does SUBJECT chew tobacco? Follow up: Brands, how often, would they carry with them?

How much does SUBJECT use recreational drugs? Follow up: What sorts? Where might he/she go to use them? Would they carry matches, lighter, cigarette papers?

What sort of candy or gum does SUBJECT like? Follow up: brands, wrappers.

Has SUBJECT been in trouble recently?

How has SUBJECT been sleeping recently? Follow up: more than usual? Less than usual? Disturbed? Restless?

How long ago did SUBJECT eat? What did he/she eat then?

Has SUBJECT been missing before? Follow up: Describe what happened then.

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards strangers?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards police officers?

Does SUBJECT know how to use the phone to call home?

Does SUBJECT know how to call 911?

Who would SUBJECT call to get help?

Does SUBJECT have a cell phone?

Do you and SUBJECT have a password?

Do you have an answering machine at home?

Do you have an answering machine/voice mail at work? Cell phone?

Social networks

Where does SUBJECT live?

How long has SUBJECT lived in this place?

Where did SUBJECT live before?

What is SUBJECT's occupation?

Has this changed recently?

Where does SUBJECT attend school/college? Follow up: What sort of courses.

Who is SUBJECT's teacher? Follow up: Name, Phone.

How is SUBJECT doing in school? Follow up: grades, fellow students, teachers, discipline problems?

Has this changed recently?

Where does SUBJECT go to get their hair cut?

Who are SUBJECT's close friends?

How does SUBJECT keep track of his/her friends addresses/phone numbers? Follow up: Where?

Does SUBJECT keep a diary? Follow up: Where is it?

Has SUBJECT had any mail recently that might be relevant?

What changes have happened recently in SUBJECT's social relationships?

What changes have occurred recently in SUBJECT's life?

Experience

What familiarity does SUBJECT have with the area where he/she went missing?

Where has SUBJECT learned outdoor skills?

Who has taught SUBJECT survival skills?

Where does SUBJECT regularly walk or hike?

Describe SUBJECT's sense of direction.

How often has SUBJECT planned trips or expeditions?

What other local places has SUBJECT been to? Follow up: Malls, stores, hairdressers, parks, play areas.

Attitudes/behavior/activities

What does SUBJECT like to do for fun?

Who does SUBJECT play with?

Is SUBJECT good with his/her hands?

Does SUBJECT like to explore?

What sort of places has SUBJECT explored?

Does SUBJECT go to church? Follow up: Where? How regularly? Who is the religious leader.

What sort of place does SUBJECT seek solitude in?

What would strike SUBJECT's fancy?

What words would you use to describe SUBJECT's personality?

How does SUBJECT react to adversity?

How does SUBJECT react when hurt?

How has SUBJECT been spending his/her time recently? Follow up: Is this different from usual?

Who has SUBJECT been spending time with recently? Follow up: Is this different from usual?

Has SUBJECT been spending time alone recently? Follow up: Is this different from usual?

Describe the events of the last few months.

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards animals?

Would SUBJECT chase or follow an animal?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards farm animals?

Are there any sorts of animals that would particularly attract SUBJECT?

Are there any sorts of animals that would particularly scare SUBJECT?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards dogs? Would SUBJECT be afraid of a bloodhound?

What does SUBJECT do in/around water?

How well does SUBJECT swim?

Is SUBJECT afraid of water?

What sort of activities does SUBJECT engage in regularly?

What other sorts of activities does SUBJECT like to engage in?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards kids?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards adults?

What is SUBJECT's attitude towards strangers?

How does SUBJECT behave around strangers? Follow up: outgoing? Reserved?

Travel

Has SUBJECT taken any trips on his/her own?

Does SUBJECT know how to use public transportation?

With whom would SUBJECT accept a ride?

Does SUBJECT hitchhike?

What sort of places does subject go to?

Follow up: malls, stores, parks, play areas, recreational areas.

Where has SUBJECT been walking?

Where has SUBJECT been hiking?

What sort of trips has SUBJECT taken on his/her own?

What sort of trips has SUBJECT taken with relatives?

What sort of trips has SUBJECT taken with friends?

Describe SUBJECT's outdoor experience level.

Technology/Social Media

Does SUBJECT have a cell phone?

Follow up: More than one phone?

What is the number?

Have you called his/her phone?

Is a bill available (which provider is it)?

Where is SUBJECT's cell phone? Charger? External batteries?

What does SUBJECT use his/her cell phone for?

What apps does SUBJECT use on their phone?

Do you do anything to monitor SUBJECT's cell phone location?

Does SUBJECT use his/her cell phone for navigation?

Does SUBJECT use his/her on their cell phone?

What social media sites does SUBJECT use?

What are SUBJECT's social media usernames?

Where does SUBJECT hangout online?

Does SUBJECT regularly post images anywhere?

How technologically savvy is SUBJECT?

How careful is SUBJECT in maintaining privacy online?

Mood

How does SUBJECT behave when he/she is in a good mood?

How does SUBJECT behave when he/she is depressed?

What sort of needs has SUBJECT expressed recently?

Has SUBJECT been behaving differently recently?

Has SUBJECT done anything unusual recently?

Has SUBJECT expressed a need to have their own space?

What sort of expressions has SUBJECT made recently of affection?

What sort of expressions has SUBJECT made recently of hatred or dislike?

Has SUBJECT said anything recently that worries you?

Has SUBJECT expressed any desire to hurt himself/herself?

Subject Hiking/Camping/Hunting/Climbing/Fishing

Describe SUBJECT's gear and equipment. Follow up: Colors, styles, brands, condition.

Pack

Tent

Sleeping bag

Water bottle/hydration system/canteen

Flashlight - follow up: battery type

Knife

Compass

GPS – make, model

Cell phone/Radio – follow up: battery types, charging

Maps

Camera (film/digital/video), film/media, accessories.

Walkng stick

Winter gear: Skis, snowshoes, poles, ice axe, crampons, boots

Climbing gear

First aid kit, survival kit

Fishing equipment

Describe any other equipment SUBJECT might have with them.

Hunting

What sort of hunting?

What are SUBJECT's strategies?

Firearms : type, gauge/caliber, ammunition, sights, accessories, cases, locks?

How much Orange clothing does SUBJECT have with them?

How much is SUBJECT camouflaged?

What other equipment does SUBJECT have with them? Tree stand, game calls, game cameras, blind, boat, 4 wheeler, gun cases/gun boots?

Subject hunting/fishing:

Where did SUBJECT obtain his/her license?

What memberships does SUBJECT have in sportsmans' clubs?

Who might know about SUBJECT's plans?

Who has been hunting or fishing with SUBJECT before?

Trip plans

What was SUBJECT's destination?

Did SUBJECT leave a description of his/her planned route? Follow up: Where is it?

What sort of alternate route plans did SUBJECT have?

What was the trips starting point?

When was the starting date for the trip?

Was SUBJECT planning on staying overnight? Follow up: Where?

Who was SUBJECT traveling with?

How was SUBJECT traveling to the area? Follow up: Vehicle description, location, owner.

When was SUBJECT planning on returning?

What was SUBJECT's return or pickup plan?

Elderly Critical Wanderers

Where did SUBJECT grow up? Follow up: if local, location of childhood schools, churches, play areas.

What places does SUBJECT go to regularly? Follow up: travels there how?

What has SUBJECT been fretting about recently?

How is SUBJECT to live with?

Has this changed recently?

What has SUBJECT said recently that has worried you?

What has SUBJECT done recently that has worried you?

Have you ever had to go out and find SUBJECT before?

Key closing questions

Will SUBJECT answer if they hear their name called?

Does SUBJECT own any weapons? Follow up: Where are they?

Where do you think SUBJECT is?

Is there anything else you can think of that will help us find SUBJECT?

Ask to see SUBJECT's bedroom, closet, and storage areas.

Picture. Scent Articles. Diary. Notes. Shoes. Letters. Trip Plans. Address Book.