



ABCD Standard

- A represents the front of the building. Sides are labeled with the remaining letters B, C, and D moving clockwise from A.
- Building is then divided into quadrants to make communication more effective.
- Use this system to locate survivors and communicate structural damage.

Search Markings

Upon entering a search area, you will make a mark next to the door to indicate you are entering.

To start, write the agency or Group ID at the left position, and write the date and time in the top position.

Upon exiting the search area, make another slash to form an X. Enter the search time out in the top quadrant. In the right quadrant, put the areas searched and any specific hazards.

In the lower quadrant, enter information about the survivors found.

	Date / Time In / Time Out 9/26/17 In: 1430 Out: 1500	
CERT I.D. CERT-23	X	Areas Searched and Hazards FL 1-2 searched Stairs to FL-3 unsafe
	People Inside 2L Moved to CERT-23 Medical	Actions Taken

Note: Use the letter L for living survivors and D for the deceased.