

Sierra County Sheriff's Office

Search and Rescue Team

What To Know Before You Go...

Sierra County is mostly made up of beautiful wilderness areas, and we all enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and hitting the many 4X4 trails it has to offer. Here are a few things to think about before you take off on your adventure:

- Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return
- Fill up on fuel before you leave the main highway
- Make sure you have plenty of water
- Pack some nutritious snacks
- Have some warm clothes with you
- Pack a flashlight
- If you take medications, make sure you have them with you
- Take a map (Or your GPS)
- Keep a First Aid kit with you

It's important to know that the weather here can change drastically in just a short amount of time. Be sure you're prepared for the worst before you go out. Also know that most of Sierra County is without cell phone service, so if you find yourself in an emergency, a signal mirror and a whistle may be your best chance of getting found by rescuers.

The Search and Rescue Team of Sierra County is made up entirely of volunteers. These men and women dedicate their time and energy, training regularly in the backcountry to perform dangerous, sometimes even life threatening rescues. Although they are ready and willing to respond on a mission, please take all necessary precautions to prevent an emergency, and know that if our team is dispatched on a mission, it may take quite a bit of time to get mobilized and get to your location depending on availability, weather conditions, and terrain.

Thank you for visiting Sierra County, and we hope you enjoy your time with us!