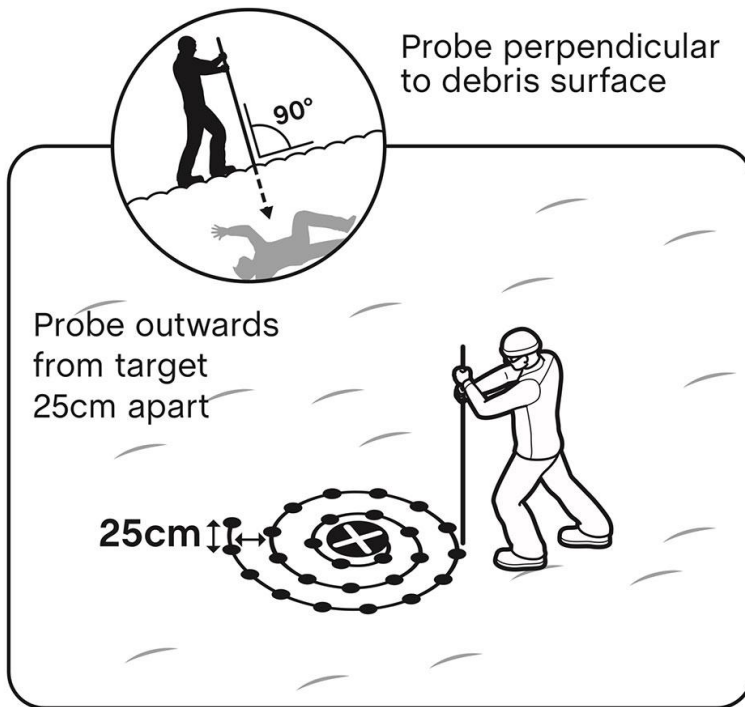


Probe Technique

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Students have a hard time with probing, so a demonstration of why it's important is prudent before setting them loose to practice on their own.

- Point folks to the diagram in the field book showing good probing technique:



- Then have a student lie down in the snow (as long as it's not too stormy, use a backpack if folks are cold).
- Stand over them with a probe and show how even the slightest difference in angle at the surface causes problems in deep burials as you can miss the buried human even if keeping to the spiral pattern.