



# Report a person as missing to the Police

Young Person, Parent, Guardian  
Information

Working on behalf  
of Gloucestershire  
County Council



If you are not sure or do not know where they are when;

- Their whereabouts are unknown and you have concerns for their safety
- They are not where they told you they would be, or where you thought they were going. Such as a friend's address or a certain event
- They are not at home for mealtime, during the night as normal. ☾

If they have run out or away from you or been seen to go with people you do not know?

Have you tried to find out where they are?

- Called or text their mobile phone
- Called friends who you think they could be with
- Contacted via social media
- Physically checked where you think they might be.



**You do not have to wait.**

**Call 101 ☎ (or 999 if you think they will be in danger)**

Remember No Missing Person is trouble with the Police for being missing – it is about keeping them safe from harm.


**Police will ask for;**

- Full Name and Date of Birth of the Missing Person
- What do they look like and what they were wearing (if you know) Do you have a recent photo
- When did you see them last or who saw them last (school teacher). Try to give the time, was it before school or 10:00 at night.
- How were they?
  - ▶ Going to a friend or leaving after an argument
- Do they have a mobile phone and what is the number? What did they do when you rang them?
- Do you have any names or places where the Police can check first? Give names and addresses if possible.
- **Important** – are there any other worries
  - ▶ medical or emotional (suicide or health condition)

- ▶ bullying or stalking – including on-line
- ▶ relationships problems
- ▶ Drug or alcohol use
- ▶ Danger from another person – taken or told to leave?

## What Happens Next?

- The Police will decide what the risks are from the information that you give them.
- If the Police have a mobile number, they will send a text telling the missing person about the Missing Report
- Search the home address (if reported missing from home)
- Check the places where the missing person was last seen
- Check local hospitals
- Check mobiles and computers used by the missing person used
- House to house calls
- Look at CCTV footage
- Let the public know – local news or social media
- Specialist searches – helicopters, dogs or divers if needed
- If your child is going missing regularly, the Police and Social Care may develop a Trigger Plan to respond to the missing incident with more information. We may ask for your help in doing this.

If the Missing Person returns home  **call 101** and tell the Police straight away. The Police will visit to complete a safe and well check as soon as possible.

If the Police find the Missing Person – they will contact you, they will make sure that they are safe and well – this does not mean they can always make them return home if they are refusing.

If you need to talk to someone about any of this, you can call or look up Missing People (a charity – not the Police) 24/7 on freephone  **116 000** or **[www.missingpeople.org](http://www.missingpeople.org)**

All young people reported missing in Gloucestershire will be given the chance to talk with someone – Social Worker or Youth Support Team Worker about what happened and now. We try to visit within 72 hours of being found to discuss being missing in more detail. This is called a Return Interview.



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