

If your child is missing

If your child is missing you **must report them as missing to the police.**

It is really important that you report your child missing to the police **every time** they go missing, **even if** it is occurring on a daily basis.

Reporting a child missing

You can report your child missing by:

- **Visiting your local police station**
- **Over the phone by dialling 101**

If you know that your child is **in immediate danger** and threatened with violence, injury or loss of life

Then call 999.



**You DO NOT
have to wait
24 hours to
report
someone
missing**

Making the call – what the police need to know

Record: Date and time you make report.

Record the officer's number & crime reference number.

They may ask:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Height
- Weight
- Identification marks
- The clothing they were wearing last time you saw them
- Unique physical attributes (eg birthmarks)
- An up-to-date photograph (preferably electronic)
- Details of any medical conditions they may have (e.g. asthma, diabetes)
- Names of known associates (particularly any new friends)
- Telephone numbers and social media account names
- Change of behaviour
- Recently frequented locations
- New relationship/social groups/networks
- Recent drug and alcohol use
- Anything else that might be useful