

# How to report sightings of missing people

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## Contact the police

If you have seen someone who is missing or you have information about the location of someone who is missing – maybe you have seen a missing person appeal in the press – contact the police. Many police forces now use the 24 hour non-emergency 101 telephone number, or you can find the non-emergency number for the local police force in the telephone directory, or online [http://www.police.uk/?view=force\\_sites](http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites)

Alternatively, you can contact the UK Missing Persons Bureau on **0845 000 5481** (or +44 (0)1256 602979 if outside the UK). The Bureau can provide advice on which police force to contact and also pass on information to the relevant police force.

## Contact the charity Missing People

If you don't want to contact the police, you can report a sighting to the charity Missing People and the information will be passed on to the police. Missing People can be contacted on:

- Telephone: **116 000**
- Email: [seensomeone@missingpeople.org.uk](mailto:seensomeone@missingpeople.org.uk)
- Website: [www.missingpeople.org](http://www.missingpeople.org)



## Sightings of missing children

There are some dedicated phone numbers that can be used to report sightings of missing children, in addition to the police phone numbers.

Information or sightings of missing children can be reported using the **Missing Kids** freephone number **0808 100 8777**.

Information or sightings of missing children can also be made on the **116 000** hotline, which operates across Europe and is staffed by nominated missing person charities in each country.

## How to provide information anonymously

All of the aforementioned organisations will accept anonymous information. You can also call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or complete an anonymous form <https://secure.crimestoppers-uk.org/ams.form.anonymous.asp>

For additional copies, to enquire about the content of this document or request the information in an alternative format, please contact the UK Missing Persons Bureau on **0845 000 5481** or email [missingpersons bureau@nca.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:missingpersons bureau@nca.x.gsi.gov.uk). The information in this guide is not definitive and should be utilised in conjunction with police guidance and independent legal advice.

For more information and other factsheets, including one on what to do when someone goes missing, please visit: [www.missingpersons.police.uk](http://www.missingpersons.police.uk)