

INTERNET SERVICES

Australian Missing Children Website
<http://au.missingkids.com>

Australian Red Cross
NSW Tracing And Refugee Services
<http://www.redcross.org.au/default.asp>

Commonwealth AG's
International Child Abduction
<http://www.ag.gov.au>

Family Court – Child Abduction
<http://www.familycourt.gov.au>

Kids Help Line
<http://www.kidshelp.com.au>

NSW Department of Community Services
(DOCS)
<http://www.community.nsw.gov.au>

NSW Police Force
<http://www.police.nsw.gov.au>

NSW Office of Drug Policy
<http://www.druginfo.nsw.gov.au>

Someone is Missing
<http://www.missingpersons.gov.au>

The National Missing Persons Unit
<http://www.missingpersons.gov.au>

Victims of Crime Bureau
<http://lawlink.nsw.gov.au/voc>

Youth NSW
<http://www.youth.nsw.gov.au>

LET'S WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO
keep our mob out of custody

Missing Persons

IF SOMEONE
GOES MISSING
OR YOU RUN
AWAY FROM
HOME,
PLEASE
REPORT



NSW Police Force
www.police.nsw.gov.au
With your help, a safer community.

Missing Persons

Police definition of a missing person

'A missing person is anyone who is reported missing to police, whose whereabouts are unknown, and where there are fears for the safety or concerns for the welfare of that person.'

The term missing person can be referred to as:

- **involuntary** (someone who goes missing under unforeseen circumstances) or.
- **voluntary** (the person chooses not to be found).

It is not a crime to go missing. It is important that police can let your loved ones know you are safe.

If you run away from home, you may have been reported, so it is important to let someone know you are safe.

There are many reasons why people go missing. These include; war, natural disaster, acts of terrorism, family violence, sexual assault, diminished mental capacity, abduction, foul play, abuse, peer pressure and maltreatment.

Research indicates that children and young people are more likely to be reported missing than adults. Young Aboriginal girls reported missing is significantly higher than non-Aboriginal youth. Most young Aboriginal girls that go missing disappear under voluntary circumstances.

Some people do not want to be found. They may have been directly affected by violence in the family home or witnessed some form of violence such as: threats, intimidation, verbal abuse, problems at school, alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, mental and physical abuse, and intra-family violence.

Majority of young Aboriginal girls who go missing, are generally unreported.

It is important for you to report someone that is missing to police, in order for police to have a better understanding of what assistance is needed, and can make an assessment on whether foul play, abduction or some other illegal act may have led to a person's disappearance.

Please report when someone goes missing as soon as possible so police and service providers can assist you locate your loved one.

Organisations supporting missing persons

TELEPHONE SERVICES

NSW Police Missing Persons Unit

(02) 98835 7658 or
1800 025 091 (toll free)

Crimestoppers

1800 333 000 (Toll free)

Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800

Victims Support Line

24 Hours a day 7 days a week
Sydney metro (02) 9374 3000
Rural areas 1800 633 063 (toll free)
TTY 9374 3175 (hearing and speech impaired)

Youth Accommodation Association

(02) 9689 5833
Provides a 24 hour phone listing of accommodation services and assistance with placement into youth accommodation.

Youth Emergency Accommodation Line

Sydney metro (02) 9318 1531
Rural areas 1800 424 830 (toll free)

