**Information for parents and carers**

Children who go missing are at increased risk of being drawn into gangs, crime and being sexually exploited. Children go missing for a number of reasons; some will be running away from something, known as push factors; others will be running to something, known as pull factors. The majority of young people who go missing are teenagers, which can be a confusing and challenging time for many young people, their parents and professionals working with them.

[Missing Kids website](http://www.missingkids.co.uk/advice/advice-for-parents-guardians-and-teachers/) - Advice for parents and guardians of missing children from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

* [What to do if your child goes missing](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/tcs/runaways_parents_guide_2013_final_six-page.pdf) - Practical advice booklet for parents and carers from The Children's Society.
* [Advice](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/165/metropolitan_police_-_basic_guidance_and_best_practice) from the Police on how to be prepared in case your child goes missing
* [Reporting missing](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/168/missing_person_coordinators_-_what_to_do_if_a_young_person_is_missing_from_their_care_foster_home) - Advice from Police on what to do if your child goes missing
* [Guide for parents and carers](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/169/nyas_advice_for_parents) - National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) advice for parents
* [A guide for parents - Missing Child](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/166/guide_for_parents_-_missing_child) - What to do if your child is missing? When your child returns home. Safety Plan.
* Metropolitan Police [flowchart](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/171/police_flowchart_on_reporting_a_child_as_missing) on reporting a child as missing and Looked After Child Information Sharing [form](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/172/police_form_to_complete_with_essential_details_about_your_child_to_help_them_find_them)
* [Police advice](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/170/police_advice_on_how_to_register_and_use_your_child_s_oyster_card_to_track_their_whereabouts) on how to register and use your child's Oyster card to track their whereabouts
* [The Children's Society](http://www.greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguardingchildrenboard/downloads/file/173/the_childrens_society_-_practical_advice_for_if_your_child_goes_missing) - practical advice for if your child goes missing