

MY CHILD IS MISSING, WHAT CAN I DO?

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MY CHILD IS A...

TODDLER



Check dangerous places in your house

For example: inside the freezer, refrigerator or laundry machine.

Check dangerous places outside

For example: near water, such as ponds and swimming pools, or near a busy street.

Check places hidden from sight

For example: the back of a closet, in a shed or under their bed. They might hide and fall asleep.

Skip this phase if you can't find your missing toddler inside or in the area directly around your house.

Call the police to report your child missing

Call your local police. No more time should pass without police officers coming over to assist you in finding your child.

SCHOOL-AGED CHILD



Check if they are still inside your house

Check dangerous places outside

For example: near water, inside the trunk of a car, at construction areas or other dangerous places.

Check with parents of your child's friends

Think about reasons why they might be missing

Think about their routines and recent activities. Any recent outings or activities your child engaged in? Any places or people they wanted to visit? Any favorite places they like to go to?

Call the police to report your child missing

Call your local police. You don't have to wait 24 hours.

TEENAGER



Check in and around your house

Check for possible clues

For example: check their room, social media or other forms of communication.

Reach out to your child's friends

Think about recent changes in behavior

Any unusual behavior such as wearing different clothes, associating with new friends, or signs of substance use?

Think about the context of your child going missing

Was there an argument or incident prior to your child going missing? Is there anything that may be drawing your child away?

Call the police to report your child missing

Call your local police. You don't have to wait 24 hours.

CHECK

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THINK

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REPORT

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