

# 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. UK 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 Unit on **0800 234 6034** (or +44 (0)117 372 0154 if outside the UK). The MPU 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:

- 24 Hour Helpline: **116 000**
- Email: [116000@missingpeople.org.uk](mailto:116000@missingpeople.org.uk)
- Website: [www.missingpeople.org.uk](http://www.missingpeople.org.uk)



## 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://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>

If you require more information, other factsheets can be downloaded from the UK Missing Persons Unit website: <http://missingpersons.police.uk>.

To enquire about the content of this document or request the information in an alternative format, please contact the UK Missing Persons Unit on 0800 234 6034 or email [ukmpu@nca.gov.uk](mailto:ukmpu@nca.gov.uk)

The information in this guide is not definitive and should be utilised in conjunction with police guidance and independent legal advice.