

## Missing child risk assessment

This risk assessment should be completed whenever a child is absent from home or placement without permission; it aims to establish the level of concerns and inform what actions should be taken. Unauthorised absences should be reassessed regularly or when new information comes to light during the time the child is away. Children who are assessed as missing, absconded or abducted should be reported to the police immediately.

Name of child

Date went missing

Date assessment carried out

Address child went missing from

### Type of address

Home  Care placement

Gender

Ethnicity

### Is the child known to FSSW

Yes  No

### Is the child

Child in need  Child protection  Looked after child

### Has the social worker been notified

Yes  No

### What is the child's age range

under 10  11 - 14  15 - 18

### Missing for over 24 hours

Yes  No

### Please indicate which of the following factors apply

Possible abduction or unauthorised removal from placement  
Comments

Subject to a child protection plan or child protection concerns  
Comments

History of running away  
Comments

Experienced harm/victim of crime whilst previously missing

Comments

Subject to a criminal court order

Comments

Carried out a criminal offence whilst previously missing

Comments

Medical condition requiring urgent treatment/medication that is not available to them

Comments

Has a physical/sensory disability or learning difficulty that makes it difficult for them to interact safely with others or makes them very vulnerable

Comments

Known to associate with adults or children who pose a risk of harm

Comments

Mental health problems and/or risk of self-harm

Comments

Evidence of mental distress prior to going missing

Comments

Drug or alcohol dependency

Comments

On-going victim of bullying or harassment

Comments

Involved in violent incident or confrontation prior to going missing

Comments

Family difficulties or relationship problems within the family

Comments

Problems at school or work

Comments

Possible victim of child sexual exploitation

*Child sexual exploitation is defined as the exchange of sexual favours in return for food, shelter, drugs, alcohol or money where there is an exploitive relationship. In these cases please consider carrying out a separate child sexual exploitation (CSE) risk assessment*

Comments

Possible victim of trafficking

Comments

Possible victim of forced marriage/honour crime

Comments

**Possible destinations**

**Actions taken to contact or locate child**

## Summary of risk

## Assessed category of absence

- Unauthorised absence (Whereabouts known/No significant risk factors)  Concerning absence (Whereabouts known but significant risk factors increase vulnerability)
- Missing (Whereabouts unknown)  Abducted
- Absconded

## Decision on risk assessment

- Repeat risk assessment at later time
- Referral to FSSW
- Report to police as missing
- FSSW assessment/action

Name of person completing risk assessment

**Where the child is known to FSSW, the allocated social worker should send a copy of the completed risk assessment to Paul Stevens, Missing Persons at [EK-MISPERLPM@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EK-MISPERLPM@met.pnn.police.uk)**

## Progress updates

Please use this section to record weekly (or more often if necessary) updates regarding the missing child.

Updated information

Date child returned

**Did a Return Home Interview take place?**

- Yes  No

*If the child / young person refused to participate in the return home interview, please enter the date that child / YP refused the interview. If, however, a return home interview was not offered for any reason, please re-enter the date of their return and explain why it wasn't offered in the following field.  
Please enter name of agency and worker's name. If child / YP refuses to participate in return home interview, please explain why*

Date of Return Home Interview (if interview refused enter date of refusal)

Return Home Interview conducted by (if interview refused give reason)

*Please use the most prominent reason that child / young person went missing. The 'Contact with family or friends' option should be used where a child or young person goes missing in order to have contact with their family or friends, OR goes missing to avoid contact with family or friends OR as a result of having contact with family or friends.*

Reason child went missing	<input type="text"/>
Other reason	<input type="text"/>
Comments	<input type="text"/>

### **Outcome on child's return**

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#### **Actions to be taken to reduce risk and running away behaviour**

Actions to include:

Support to be given to the child and family to reduce risk and protect the child, convening a strategy meeting or to bring forward a statutory review in order to strengthen the child's plan and take any necessary action to protect the child, referring on to suitable preventative resources, eg: Children's Society

**Completed by** - Has not been verified

**Please FINISH the form after child has returned and you have completed this section**