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When a child goes **MISSING** ...



In South Africa, it is estimated that a child goes missing every five to nine hours (figures released by the South African Police Service Missing Persons Bureau). While almost 77% of children are found, there is still a large number who are never located. There has also been an increase in the trafficking of children, where children are exploited - often as cheap labour.

It is easy for a child to disappear in a crowded place or even if a parent looks away for a split second. **What do you do if you find yourself in this situation?** Many non-governmental organisations advise that you contact the police immediately:

- Do not wait 24 hours before contacting authorities
- Check with your child's friends, check with your family
- Supply authorities with the child's most recent picture
- Provide a detailed description of your child and his/her last whereabouts
- Get the investigating officers' details and provide them with as much information as possible

You can contact the following organisations for help:

South African Police Service

Emergency Number: 10111

Bureau for Missing Children

(012) 393 2001/2/5/7/10/12; Fax to e-mail: 086 777 9420; e-mail: missing@saps.gov.za / missings.hq@saps.gov.za. Visit this link for provincial contact information: https://www.saps.gov.za/services/report_missing_person.php

Missing Children South Africa

24-hour emergency number 072 647 7464. For more information, visit www.missingchildren.org.za. If you would like to know more on how to donate to this organisation, contact thomas@missingchildren.org.za. All services are offered free of charge.

Pink Ladies

This independent group of volunteers, is affiliated and associated with The Pink Ladies (registered Section 21 NGO). The organisation was established for the primary purpose of reuniting missing and endangered children and loved ones with their families and/or caregivers.

National Emergency cell numbers: 072 214 7439/083 378 4882 (Missing persons reports only); Fax to e-mail: 086 680 0490/086 276 3270; e-mail: missing@pinkladies.org.za / operation-pinkladies@gmail.com

These organisations work tirelessly to assist with finding missing loved ones and all assistance offered if free of charge.



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