



Missing Child Policy

We aim to ensure that no child will ever go missing from our club. If they do, remember most children are found within a few minutes of their disappearance.

However, if a child for whom the club has responsibility goes missing, the following guidelines have been devised by Swim Wales to clarify actions that should be taken.

Ensure that the other young people in your care are looked after appropriately while you organise a search for the young person concerned.

Inform the young person's parents if they are present at the event, or nominate an appropriate person to telephone them and advise them of the concern. Reassure them that you are doing all you can to locate their child.

Organise all available responsible adults by areas to be searched. It is best to take a short time to organise the search properly so that all places are searched fully.

Search the area in which the child has gone missing including changing rooms, toilets, public and private areas and the leisure centre grounds.

Request that all those searching report back to you or a nominated adult at a specific point.

This nominated person should also be making a note of the events, including detailing a physical description of the young person including approximate height, build, hair and eye colour as well as the clothing he/she was wearing and where he/she was last seen, as this will be required by the police.

If the search is unsuccessful you should then report the concern to the police.

A report should go to the police no later than 30 minutes after the young person's disappearance is noted, even if the search is not complete.

If the police recommend further action before they get involved, follow their guidance.

If the police act upon the concern, be guided by them in any further actions to take.

At any stage the young person is located, ensure that you inform all adults involved including the parents, searchers and police if by then involved.

Refer the concern ASAP to the Welfare Officer, who will seek advice from Swim Wales