



Missing Child Policy

The care of your child is paramount and I will always ensure that they remain safe with me.

However sometimes a child can get separated from his/her childminder (goes missing) especially in busy places. In the unlikely event of this happening, I would follow this procedure:

1. I would carry out a thorough search of the area informing any staff or security guards of the situation.
2. I would contact my emergency back-up to come and help supervise any other children in my care if appropriate, to allow me to concentrate on the search.
3. If after 10 minutes the missing child is not found, I would inform the police and the parents.

To avoid situations like this from happening, this is what I shall do:

When going out all of the children in my care are supervised according to age: under, older children are encouraged to hold on to the pushchair or adult's hand.

Before visiting a new venue a risk assessment is carried out to familiarise myself with the area and enable me to be aware of any problem or danger that may arise.

When going on trips/ outings the children shall wear wristbands with my mobile number on them.

To ensure that all children are safe in my home, I keep the front and back door of my house secured at all times.

My garden / outdoor space is securely fenced.