

Check List for When a Loved One Goes Missing

REPORT THEM MISSING

DO NOT WAIT TO REPORT A MISSING PERSON

Contact local law enforcement immediately.

-If they went missing on **Tribal land**, contact **Tribal law enforcement**.

-If they went missing **outside of Tribal land**, contact the **law enforcement agency where they were last seen**.

-Ask law enforcement if the person qualifies for a Turquoise Alert and, if so, request that they initiate the alert process.

-Ask that the missing person case be entered into NamUs (National Missing and Unidentified Persons System).
NamUs is a national database for missing, unidentified, and unclaimed persons cases.



GET A CASE NUMBER

When you make the report, write down:

-Case/report number

-Officer's name

-Officer's phone number

-Agency name

Keep this information somewhere safe



QUESTIONS YOU MAY BE ASKED

Give law enforcement as much information as you can:

-Recent photo

-Full name, nickname, & aliases

-Date of Birth

-Physical description

-Last known location

-Date/time last seen

-Clothing last worn

-Vehicle information

-Phone/social media information

-Medical or safety concerns

-Tattoos/ scars

-Tribal affiliation



Don't worry if you don't have everything. Give law enforcement what you know.

ASK FOR HELP

You do not have to do this alone.

-Ask about a **victim advocate**.

-Ask about **search/recovery support**.

-Ask about **available community resources**.

-Ask what you can do to help with the investigation.



PRESERVE INFORMATION & EVIDENCE

Don't delete or throw away information that may help.

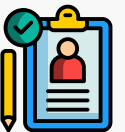
-Save texts, messages, and voicemails.

-Save social media messages/posts.

-Keep relevant photos.

-Write down dates, times, and conversations.

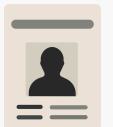
-Keep copies of reports and correspondences.



CREATE & SHARE A MISSING PERSON FLYER

Use a **recent photo** and accurate information.

Share verified information only. Protect private family information.



FOLLOW UP

Keep Track of your case and stay in contact with law enforcement.

-Ask for updates.

-Write down who you speak with.

-Record dates and times.

-Keep your case information together.



IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911



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