

Return interview after going ? missing...what's it all about?



Children and Young People's Service

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There are lots of different reasons why someone might go missing from where they live. We think that it's important to try and understand your reasons and to talk to you about what could help to keep you safe in the future.

When you go missing?

When you are reported missing to the Police, they tell Children and Families service that this has happened. When we get to know this, we will be very concerned that you have gone missing and will want to find out what happened and how best to support you.

Return interviews are about:

- Listening to you and understanding your reasons for going missing. Together we will try and work out what we might be able to do, to help and support you, so that you don't go missing again.
- Making sure that no one is harming you, or has harmed you whilst you were away.
- Providing you with information about how to stay safe and to tell you about other services that might be able to help you.

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A return interview is...

- A time for you to tell people how you feel and be heard.
- At a place where you feel safe and comfortable.
- A meeting where the worker will write some notes about things that are talked about. You can write something as well.
- A meeting where you can have a suitable adult there to support you, such as a parent or carer. You might be able to have an NYAS advocate there to support you (ask your worker about this).
- Where you and the worker will decide if anything needs to happen and plan what to do next. We will make sure that you know how to get help or support and that you know who to contact if you just need to talk.

Key contacts

North Yorkshire County Council Children and Young Peoples service: **01609 780780**

ChildLine: 0800 1111 www.childline.org

North Yorkshire Police: 999 Emergencies 101 non emergencies

Runaway Helpline: Ring or Text **116 000** www.missingpeople.org.uk

NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Services) 0808 808 1001 or www.nyas.net

Contact us

North Yorkshire County Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 8AD

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