

FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER IS MISSING:

- ❧ DO NOT WAIT!
Report the Missing. There is NO time requirement to wait before reporting.
- ❧ CALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES FIRST!
Initial report must be taken by local law enforcement.
- ❧ REPORT RACE ACCURATELY!
Giving the wrong information may prevent being found.

- ❧ PHOTOS are important!

WSP Photo Release must be signed to post on Website.

- ❧ KEEP MISSING VISIBLE!
The Washington State Patrol Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit can assist with poster distribution.

- ❧ STRANGER DANGER!
Be cautious of stranger information. Report ALL tips or requests for monies to investigators.

- ❧ ACCOUNTABILITY!
Keep records of contact with investigators and tipsters.

- ❧ NEVER GIVE UP!
Missing persons have been found alive decades after being reported

- ❧ IT'S THE LAW, Legislators enacted HB2792, which states if a crime is suspected or after 30 days of being reported a person is not found, LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST enter the missing into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC*).

- ❧ MISSING PERSONS PACKETS are available on the WSP website. The packets include information needed by the investigating officer and authorization to release medical and dental information.

**NCIC Is a National database used by law enforcement to share information such as warrants, protection orders, and missing persons. Information is searched at the time of contact with individuals.*

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For Missing Person Reporting Packet information:

MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS UNIT
1-800-543-5678 or MPU@wsp.wa.gov



Missing Person Reporting

Law Enforcement and Community



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WASHINGTON STATE PATROL MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS UNIT (MUPU)

All missing persons need to be reported to the primary law enforcement agency where the person was last seen FIRST before any assistance from the MUPU can begin.

The MUPU will provide a data packet for the requestor to fill out and provide essential information on the missing adult and will request the most recent, color, good quality digital photo to include on the poster. Once the packet is filled out and signed the MUPU can proceed with the poster and any other investigative assistance requested.

The Washington State Patrol Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit (MUPU) will provide a poster with photo for an active missing person ONLY when requested by a family member/legal guardian or the law enforcement agency handling the investigation.

To request assistance:

Toll Free: (800) 543-5678
Email: mpu@wsp.wa.gov
Email: mupu@wsp.wa.gov
AMBER Alert Coordinator:
Carri.Gordon@wsp.wa.gov
360-280-0403



(800) 543-5678

WSP MUPU ACTIVE ALERTS

Event must be reported to and Investigated by law enforcement to activate alerts.

AMBER ALERT

Criteria

1. Children 17 and under who are known to have been abducted and not a runaway or abandoned.
2. In danger of serious bodily injury or death.
3. Activation should occur within 4 hours of the event unless not reported to law enforcement within that time frame.

SILVER ALERT (60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER) & ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON ADVISORY (ALL AGES)

Criteria

1. Person who is missing and in danger due to age, physical or mental health, severe weather conditions and not able to return to safety without assistance.
2. Enough information available to assist in the recovery of the missing person.

MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON ALERT

Criteria

1. Indigenous person of any age who is missing and in danger due to age, physical or mental health, severe weather conditions and not able to return to safety without assistance.
2. Enough information available to assist in the recovery of the missing person.

DISTRIBUTION

- Email through subscriber list
- Fax—Contact AMBER Alert Coordinator to subscribe
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) - cell phone alerts ONLY if vehicle information is available
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) - interruption of television and radio—handled by WA State Department of Emergency Management (Amber ONLY)
- Department of Transportation Highway Signs—ONLY if there is vehicle information available
- WSP Twitter and Facebook Pages

***Law enforcement agencies: fill out an
Alert Data Entry Form to activate an Alert.**

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS

On average, 102 of our Native neighbors—women, girls, men and boys—are listed as missing in Washington State each week. The majority of missing Native people are reported in cities and counties, not tribal jurisdictions. The actual number of missing Native Americans is likely much higher, as Native persons are often inaccurately reported or listed as white in law enforcement databases.

Washington State Patrol is finding ways to connect state, tribal, and federal resources to create partnerships to find ways to solve this crisis facing Native communities.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

NamUS

Website: <https://www.namus.gov/>

Email: NamUs@unthsc.edu

Toll Free: (855) 626-7600

National Center for Missing & Exploited
Children

Website: www.missingkids.org

Toll Free: (800) 843-5678

www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/alerts-missing-persons/