

# MISSING CHILDREN. HOW TO FIND YOUR KIDS IF YOU BECOME SEPARATED.

While at the beach, it's important you supervise your children at all times. When you first arrive, arrange a meeting place so everyone knows where to go and wait if you become separated (e.g. a dedicated lost children post, lifeguard station or beach shop).

If the beach operator is running a kids' safety scheme – handing out wrist bands, tickets etc – make sure you take part. It's a free and highly effective way to safeguard your children.

## If you become separated from your child:

**Try not to panic.** Every year thousands of children are reported lost, but in most cases the children are found safe and well within a few minutes.

**Check the area around you** or where you last saw your child.

If you cannot find them, notify the lifeguards (who are normally located between the red and yellow flags). If you cannot find a lifeguard notify the police, who will conduct a search.

**Give some basic information about your child** to the lifeguards or police to help speed up the search, including:

- A description (age, clothing, name etc)
- Time and place the child was last seen (this helps determine how far they may have gone)
- Any special needs your child may have

**If you go searching for your child** make sure any other children you have with you are supervised, and report back to the lifeguards at regular intervals.

**When you locate your child** it is important to notify the lifeguards or police immediately so they know to stop searching. You may be asked to show proof you are the parent or guardian of the missing child.

**REMEMBER:** supervise children at all times, and arrange a meeting place when you first arrive at the beach.

To find out more about beach safety visit  
[rnli.org.uk](https://www.rnli.org.uk)  
or call 0800 328 0600.

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