

Allie's Angels Childminding

Lost/Missing Child Policy

The care of your child/children is of up most importance to me and I will always strive to ensure that they stay with me and are safe.

However, there is a small chance that a child may become lost in a busy place and as a responsible childminder I have this procedure in place in the unlikely event of this happening.

If a child goes missing I will:

- Raise the alarm immediately – ensuring that everyone knows I am missing a child and ask for help from those around me
- If I am in a shopping centre I will alert security staff so they can seal off exits and monitor the situation on CCTV
- Provide everyone involved with a description of the child
- Reassure the other children as they may get distressed
- Alert the police and provide them with a full description and a photo I have from the setting
- Alert the parents of the situation

I will always take precautions to avoid situations like this occurring by implementing the following measures:

- Ensuring children hold my hand/pushchair or wear a wrist strap when we are out
- Avoid going to places that are overcrowded
- I will teach children about the dangers of wandering off and of talking to strangers
- Teach them what to do, where to go and who to go to if we get separated
- When we go out the children will wear wristbands with my name and mobile number on them