

Missing Persons

What Is a Missing Person?

A missing person includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- A minor (person less than 17 years of age) who is missing voluntarily or involuntarily
- An adult who
 - may be in need of assistance
 - may be the victim of a crime or foul play
 - may be in need of medical attention
 - may be the victim of parental abduction
 - is mentally or physically impaired

NOTE: The St. Joseph Police Department does not have the authority nor the resources to find uprooted friends or relatives who have lost contact with each other. Concerned individuals who are interested in such matters are requested to employ other public and private resources.

How to Report a Missing Person

- **You may initiate a Missing Persons Report by contacting your local law enforcement agency.**
Contrary to popular belief, law enforcement agencies in Missouri do not require a person to wait a specific period of time before reporting a missing person.
If available, a photograph of the missing person should accompany the report.
- **Missing Juveniles**
The St. Joseph Police Department Detective Division will investigate reports of missing juveniles.
- **Missing Adults**
The St. Joseph Police Department Detective Division will investigate reports of missing adults.
- **Questions**
If you have any questions concerning a missing person, please contact your local community police facility, or call the St. Joseph Police Department (816) 271-4777.