

## 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 web site.**
- ❧ 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 web site ([wsp.wa.gov](http://wsp.wa.gov)). 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](mailto:MPU@wsp.wa.gov)



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## Missing Person Reporting

Law Enforcement and Community



## 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 before any assistance from the MUPU can begin.

The MUPU will provide a data packet for the requestor to complete 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 completed and signed, the MUPU can proceed with the poster and 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](mailto:mpu@wsp.wa.gov)  
Email: [mupu@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:mupu@wsp.wa.gov)



(800) 543-5678

## WSP MUPU ACTIVE ALERTS

**Alerts are all activated ONLY at the request of the primary law enforcement agency.**

### AMBER ALERT

Criteria

1. Children 17 and under who are known to have been abducted and not a runaway or **abandoned**.
2. In **imminent** danger of serious bodily injury or death.
3. **Enough information available to assist in the recovery of the child.**

### SILVER ALERT & ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON ADVISORY

Criteria

1. Person of any age who is missing and in danger due to age, physical or mental health, or 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 – **AMBER Alerts ONLY**
- 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 **specific** vehicle information available
- WSP Twitter and Facebook Pages

**\*Law enforcement agencies: Complete an Alert Data Entry Form to activate an Alert.**

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

On average, 102 of our Native neighbors—women, girls, men, and boys—remain listed as missing in Washington State each month. The majority of missing Native people are reported in cities and counties, not tribal jurisdictions. The actual number of missing Native Americans is likely higher, as Native persons may have been inaccurately recorded (race not marked as Native American) in law enforcement databases.

HB1713 legislation intends to find ways to connect state, tribal, and federal resources to create partnerships to find ways to solve this crisis facing Native communities.

### TRIBAL LIAISONS

**Dawn Pullin (360) 890-0150**

**Patti Gosch (360) 280-0567**

**WSP Tribal Liaisons@wsp.wa.gov**

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

Web site: <https://www.namus.gov/>  
Email: [NamUS@unthsc.edu](mailto:NamUS@unthsc.edu)  
Toll Free: (855) 626-7600

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
Web site: [www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org)  
Toll Free: (800) 843-5678  
1-800-THE-LOST

WSP Missing & Endangered Child Task Force  
Investigative Assistance Division  
Email: [MECTF@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:MECTF@wsp.wa.gov)  
(360) 704-2400

[www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/alerts-missing-persons/missing-persons](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/alerts-missing-persons/missing-persons)