



# GETTING LOST IS A SCARY THOUGHT!



Getting lost is easy! You can do it anywhere. Its not just children who go missing, adults can get lost too! Sometimes grown ups with you will be able to find you but if they can't, then they will call the police and ask them to help. The police may then call out Search Teams with search dogs like ours.

Always remember that grown ups will not be angry with you, whatever the reason for you getting lost. All they want is to find you safe and well then take you home to your family.

## HOW TO BE FOUND



The important thing is "Don't panic!" Even if you can't find your way back to safety, there are things you can do to help the police and the Search Teams find you quickly.

*Sneaking off to hide may seem like a fun thing to do but if you get in to difficulty it will make it harder for the search teams to find you.*

The search dogs are very friendly dogs. They may bark when they find you but just like Lassie, they will run back to their handler and tell them where you are then bring them back to you.

## TELL SOMEONE WHERE YOU ARE GOING

The world is a very big place to search so if you tell someone where you are going but don't arrive, then the Police and the search dogs know where to start looking. Without this information the search could begin miles away from you and it could take a long time to find you.



## STICK TO THE BIG PATHS

Try to stay on the big paths. These are the ones most used by people which means that someone will spot you sooner.



## IN BAD WEATHER FIND SHELTER BUT DON'T HIDE

It is a good idea to find a place to stay dry and warm when it rains or it's very cold but make sure you leave a clue to show where you are. Use a bag or toy you have with you or a broken branch or pile of fern. Leave it near where you are so anyone passing will see it and know you are close by.



Be very careful about going into buildings as these can sometimes be unsafe or have dangerous things inside them.

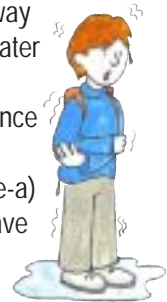
## DON'T GO OFF WITH STRANGERS

Sometimes you may meet someone who is just out for a walk and wasn't looking for you. As you have been told by your parents, guardian or teacher you should never go off with a stranger, even if they seem friendly. Ask them to call 999 on a phone and ask for the Police. You should speak to the police too. Then ask them to stay with you until the Police and Search teams can get to you.



## TAKE CARE NEAR WATER

Water is dangerous so you should always be very careful near to rivers, ponds and lakes. If you fall in you are going to be in serious danger as not only could you drown but you could also be swept further away from the search area by the water and be more difficult to find. You could also get very cold once you are wet. This is called Hypothermia (Hi-po-ther-mee-a) It can make you feel and behave strangely.



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## WHO WILL COME LOOKING FOR ME ?

Many people can be called to search for you including Police Officers, Volunteer Search & Rescue Teams, Coast Guards and even the Army. We will use our search dogs and work with all of these people to help find you as quickly as possible and bring you home.



The dog teams will search everywhere for you, even in difficult to get to places.



Sometimes even soldiers will be called out to help us search for you

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ?

Wearing the right colour clothes can help make it easier to find you. Obviously wearing army camouflage clothes will hide you in the woods, but did you know that **PINK** is a difficult colour to see as well ?

## ABOUT THE SEARCH DOGS

A volunteer search dog can be almost any breed but will most likely be a Collie or a German Shepherd. Whatever type of dog it is it will be wearing a bright coloured jacket or a harness and may have a bell attached to its collar. You will hear it jingling as it gets closer to you. Stay and wait for the dog to find you. He will come up to you and may bark once or twice, then he will run off to find his handler and bring the search team to you. These dogs are friendly but will be excited at finding you. It's nice to pet them but the sooner he goes back for his handler the sooner the searchers will get to you and you will be safe, so it is best to just let him do his job.

If a police dog comes to find you it is most likely to be a German Shepherd. He will not have a bell but may be wearing a harness. When he sees you he will not leave you but will stand and bark in front of you until his handler arrives. This could be a bit scary but during this time it is important for you to keep very still and quiet until the handler arrives and has the dog back on his lead.

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If you ever get lost, here is how to

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