

Running away is not your only option, even though sometimes it might feel like it is. It's always worth trying to talk to somebody if you can about how you feel or what is upsetting you.

Missing Return Interviews: What you need to know

## What is a return interview?

You will be offered the space and time to talk to somebody independent about the reasons why you ran away and whether you were safe whilst you were missing.

This will be with a missing person officer.

This meeting is called a Return Home Interview and where possible, it will take place within 72 hours of you returning home.

**'Easy to talk to, they are not the police. They are friendly and trustworthy'.**

**AJ (15)**

**'They are helpful and help you to think it through'.**

**EB (13)**

## Should I be worried?

It is nothing for you to worry about, you are not in trouble. It is just an opportunity for you to talk about what's going on for you and to see if there is any support available that could help you with any problems you might be experiencing.

A time and place to meet will be agreed between you and the worker this could be at school or at home as it is important that you feel comfortable and safe.

We need to make sure you are safe, so if we have any concerns about what you tell us, we would need to pass this on to the right people who can help.

**'I sometimes find it annoying but they are nice and its good to talk to someone'.**

**TR (13)**

## Who you can contact for more information?

West Yorkshire Police 101-  
Non-Emergency Number

CMBC Missing Children  
Co-ordinator 01422 393321

Calderdale Children's Social  
Care - 01422 393336

Youth Works - 01422 320033

Open Minds - 01422 345 154

