



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

180 – MISSING PERSONS

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ACTION: Amends General Order 2025-27 (June 26, 2025)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 6.1.5, 6.6.5

ROLL CALL VERSION

**Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.**

180.10 DEFINITIONS (WILEAG 6.1.5)

G. MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT

1. The Missing Endangered Person Alert may be utilized in situations where the missing person is in danger of imminent death or injury but does not meet the criteria for a critical missing, Amber Alert, Green Alert, Missing Child Alert, or Silver Alert.
2. The Missing Endangered Person Alert can be used for adults and juveniles. They should only be issued for juvenile runaways when there is an endangerment issue.

HG. MISSING REPORT COORDINATOR (MRC)

IH. NON-CRITICAL MISSING

JL. SILVER ALERT

180.60 MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT

A. MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT CRITERIA

1. The Missing Endangered Person Alert may be utilized in situations where the missing person is in danger of imminent death or injury but does not meet the criteria for a critical missing, Amber Alert, Green Alert, Missing Child Alert, or Silver Alert.
2. The Missing Endangered Person Alert can be used for adults and juveniles. They should only be issued for juvenile runaways when there is an endangerment issue.

B. MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT PROCEDURE

1. If a police member has reason to believe a person meeting the criteria of 180.60(A) has been reporting missing, they shall immediately broadcast a description, contact his/her shift commander, and request a sergeant respond to the scene. The sergeant shall coordinate the search and canvass of the home and surrounding area.

2. A CIB supervisor at extension [REDACTED] shall be notified by the district shift commander when they become aware of a potential Missing Endangered Person Alert. The CIB shift commander shall assign a CIB investigator to coordinate the investigation with the sergeant on scene in an attempt to locate the missing person. The CIB shift commander shall also monitor the investigation.
3. If the CIB shift commander determines the Missing Endangered Person Alert criteria have been satisfied, he/she shall obtain approval from the inspector of the Criminal Investigation Bureau, or designee, during weekdays, or the night watch commander on nights or weekend to activate the Missing Endangered Person Alert. The CIB shift commander shall ensure the Missing Endangered Person Alert instructions are implemented without delay and the necessary reports are completed.
4. The CIB shift commander shall continually monitor and investigate all Missing Endangered Person Alert. The CIB shift commander shall assign an investigator on each shift and the investigators shall file a supplemental report on each shift.

180.6065 SILVER ALERT (WILEAG 6.1.5)

B. SILVER ALERT PROCEDURE

1. If a police member has reason to believe a person meeting the criteria in 180.6065(A) has been reported missing, they shall immediately broadcast a description, contact his/her shift commander and request a sergeant respond to the scene. The sergeant shall coordinate the search and canvass of the home and surrounding area.

180.6570 INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY

180.7075 MISSING JUVENILES

180.7580 MISSING PERSONS REACHING AGE 21 (WILEAG 6.1.5)

180.8085 NON-CRITICAL PERSON MISSING MORE THAN 30 DAYS (WILEAG 6.1.5)

180.8590 LONG TERM MISSING

180.9095 LOST CHILD

180.95100 MISSING PERSON RETURNS (WILEAG 6.1.5)



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