

Return Home Interviews and Safety



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Safety

‘Unless safety is in place young people will continually revert to pre-existing defensive, risk taking and negative protective strategies’

(AVA/WAGN 2012)

- Young people who go missing are often ‘off the radar’
- We may not get any information or intelligence
- A young person doesn’t have to tell you what is happening to discuss safety
- Window of opportunity.

Safety planning Principles

- ✓ Never assume you know what is best
- ✓ Recognise existing safety strategies being used
- ✓ Discuss strategies currently used: which are effective and helpful and which ones could be adapted
- ✓ Responsibility for abuse explicitly with the perpetrator
- ✓ Don't suggest strategies that colludes with the abuse
- ✓ Examine your values before you respond

Safety Plans

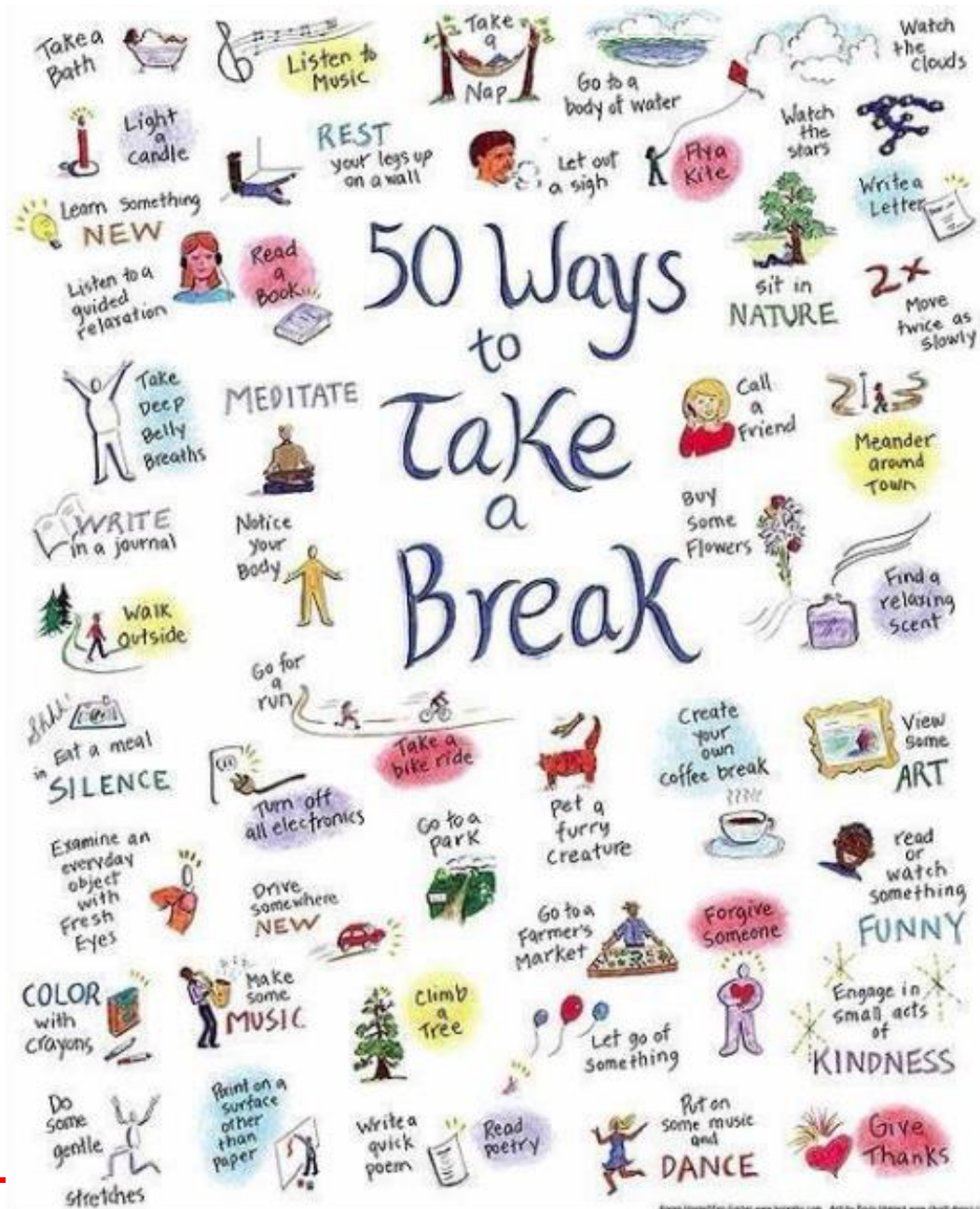
- ✓ Actions that young people can take (themselves or with additional support)
- ✓ Realistic actions easily implemented, and tailored to individual capacity and circumstances
- ✓ Led by the young person – they may not be telling you what is happening
- ✓ An ongoing discussion that responds to changes in risk

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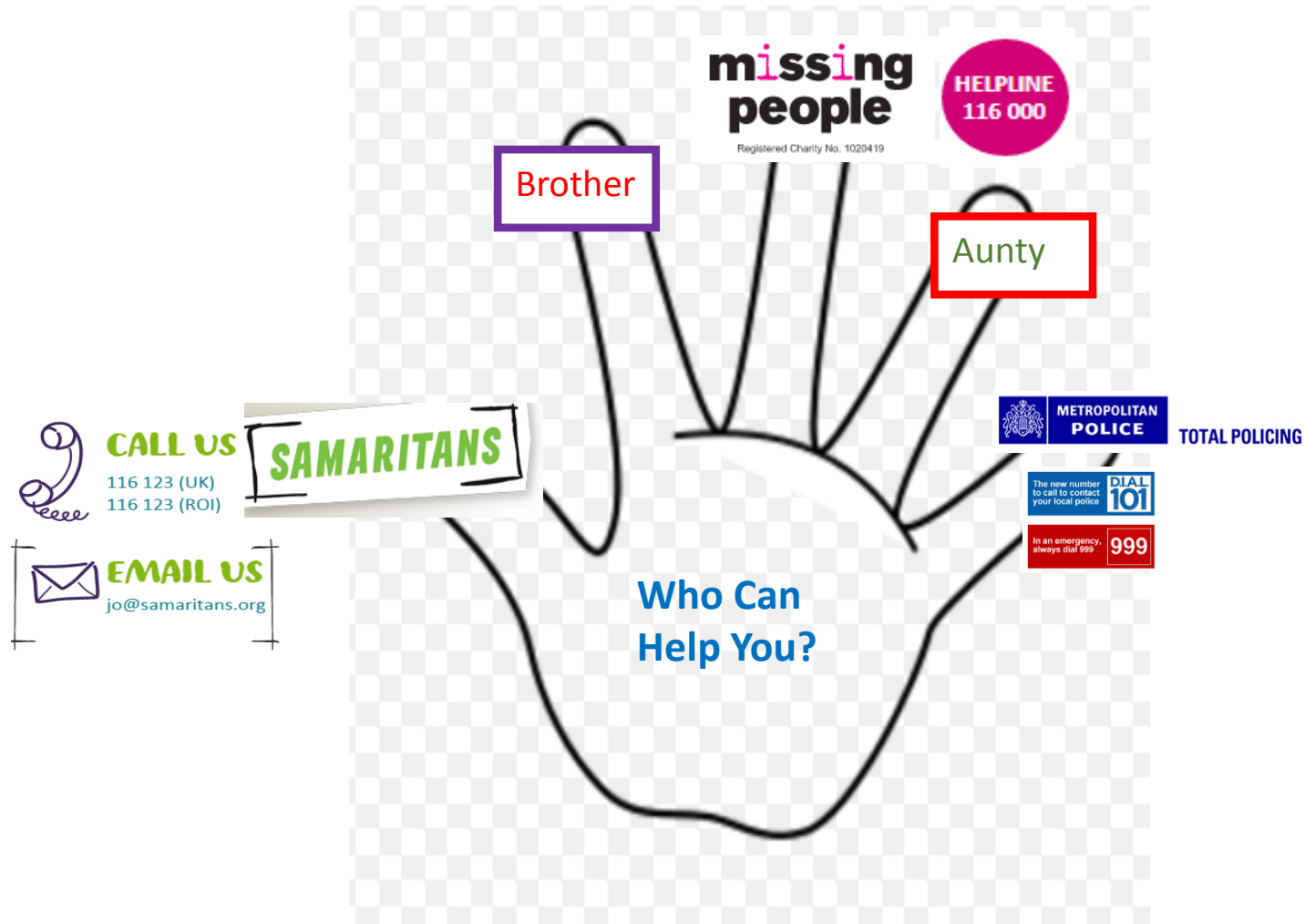
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Coping Skills

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Safety Plans – Who Can help You?



Points for discussion

- Do you know if safety discussions are occurring?
- Do you know if information is fed back to professional networks?
- Do you know if information is acted upon?
- Are you content that the values of practitioners do not get in the way of a child's opportunity to speak out.

If you've answered no to any of the above, what has to happen?

Further reading and guidance

Guidance:

London Councils:

http://www.londoncp.co.uk/chapters/B_contents.html

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board:

http://lincolnshirescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/pr_joint_miss.html

DfE: Statutory Guidance for young people who go missing.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208528/Statutory_guidance_on_children_who_run_away_or_go_missing_from_home_or_care_consultation_-_final.pdf

Safety Plans:

CAADA: http://www.caada.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/YP_safetyplan.pdf

<http://www.safelives.org.uk/sites/default/files/resources/Young%20People%20practice%20briefing%20for%20IDVAs%20FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.atl.org.uk/Images/guidance-and-safety-plan-for-young-people-nov-13.pdf>

<https://www.google.co.uk/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=safety%20planning%20young%20people>