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MISSING PERSONS CATEGORIES

TERM	DEFINITION
Catastrophic Missing	Child or adult who is reported missing and assumed to be a victim of some type of disaster (fire, flood, earthquake, terrorist act, etc.). To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "C" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.
Dependant Adult	Adult who is reported missing and who has physical or mental limitations, e.g., dementia, Alzheimer's disease, autism (which restrict their abilities to carry out normal activities). To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "D" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.
Lost	Child or adult who is reported to have strayed away and whose whereabouts is unknown. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "L" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.
Parent/Family Abduction	Child who is taken, detained, concealed, enticed away, or retained by a parent/family member or person at the request of the parent. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "P" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.
Runaway	A child under 18 years of age who is reported missing but has left of their own free will. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "R" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.

Stranger Abduction	Child or adult who is taken or abducted against their will by an unknown person or a known person who is not a family member. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "S" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13. If under the age of 18, this information will be forwarded to the FBI's Child Abduction and Serial Killer Unit and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
Suspicious Circumstances	Child or adult who is reported missing, and the circumstances give rise to believe that: foul play may be involved, the person is a danger to self or others (due to mental, physical, or emotional condition), or the disappearance is out of character for the individual and no known reasons can be determined. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "X" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13. If under the age of 18, this information will be forwarded to the FBI's Child Abduction and Serial Killer Unit and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
Unknown	Child or adult who is reported missing, but there are insufficient facts to determine the circumstances. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "U" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.
Voluntary Missing Adult	Adult who is reported missing, but who has left of their own free will. To be entered in MPS with Mandatory Type Code "A" per CJIS Manual Section 7.13.13.

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