

Guild



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ERNIE'S LOST CHILD POLICY

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The radio keyword for a lost child is “**LOST CHILD**”. These words must get an instant reaction from all staff (see below). Use them only when necessary.

NOTE: For a child who has lost parents we say “**FOUND CHILD**”. Clearly we **MUST** keep these straight.

ANY volunteer may be approached by a distraught parent reporting a lost child. If this is you, **immediately** escort the parent to the Security Tent. If you have a walkie-talkie available to you, call it in to Security on channel 1 as follows:

“Security HQ, this is (your name) we MAY have a Lost Child”

Listen for a response and carry on to the Security tent. If possible, radio the child's description.

Security will broadcast a description and last known location of the child on all walkie talkie channels. We will also ask all volunteers with radios to switch to Channel 1.

LISTEN BUT DO NOT TALK EXCEPT TO REPORT THE CHILD AS FOUND.

All gates will be closed and ALL volunteers come under the direction of the Security Coordinators. The child's parent will remain with the coordinators and we will walkie-talkie updates – pass on the description to any volunteers you see.

All volunteers but particularly the gate and perimeter (eg. Camping and Tzouhalem Stage) Security people will watch very carefully for the described child AND anyone trying to leave the site. **NO ONE** who even remotely matches the child's description may leave the site until the child is found or the police have arrived and re-opened the gates.

If the child is not found within 5 minutes, one of the Security Coordinators will go to the main stage and contact the MC or stage manager. At the end of the next song, we will interrupt the act and take a microphone. With the aid of the audience and the band onstage, we will chant out the child's name, asking them to come to main stage.

If after all of the above the child is not found, Security will notify the police and will keep the site closed from exit, completely locked down, **no one leaves**. We may expand the search to parking lots. Police will take over on arrival, likely with the aid of our volunteers.

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Quw'utsun, Malahat, Ts'uubaa-asatx, Halalt, Penelakut, Stz'uminus, & Lyackson Peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we now work.

