

Brisbane Water Outdoors Club



WHAT YOUR FAMILY SHOULD DO IF YOU'RE "MISSING IN ACTION"

BWOC leaders endeavour to ensure that trips end as advised. However, you may return home later than planned (in most cases because bad weather increases the time needed to return to the cars, or a party member may be injured or sometimes vehicles just break down but most likely because the walk took longer than anticipated). So, please ensure that relatives and friends are aware of your possible late return.

We'd recommend that you not unduly worry your family by giving a firm time of return but instead leave it "open ended" (rather than say you'll be home at 7 pm, say early or late evening). Also emphasise that they should wait a reasonable time (say the next morning) after your expected return before calling one of the BWOC Search and Rescue (S & R) Contacts listed in the Club Magazine (you should provide these numbers to your family).

In the case of an overdue party, call one of the contacts listed and advise them the trip details and when the party was expected to return (which means bushwalkers should have left this written information with the family member before you left on the trip, i.e. Names, ages, physical condition, contact, contacts phone number, special medical condition(s) which there may be, complete route details, vehicle make, model and registration number, experience & capabilities of the participants).

Should your family contact one of the S&R Contacts, please stress that if they hear from you, they **MUST** phone the S&R Contact immediately to abort the Search & Rescue callout.

NOTE: If you are in an overdue party, phone home from the first phone box or police station you come to.