Appendix 6B: Child Abduction Warning Notice - Under 18's

Child under 18 that is in the Care of the Local Authority

I have been advised that the following young person has recently been in your company and/or that you have allowed them to be at your property/home address. [*delete as appropriate*]

CHILD'S NAME *[Care needed where child's real name is not known to suspect]*	AGE	DOB

I wish to make it clear on behalf of [*insert name of relevant Local Authority department*] that you have no permission or authority to communicate with this young person or any young person who is under the care or supervision of [*insert name of Local Authority department*], either directly or indirectly, or to allow them to enter or stay in your home or other property or your vehicle, or to be in your company, at any time of day or night before they reach the age of **18 years**, unless this is with prior written consent from the Local Authority.

It is your responsibility to check that any young persons you have contact with are not under the care or supervision of [*insert name of Local Authority department*].

YOU MUST NOT THEREFORE AT ANY TIME OF DAY OR NIGHT:

- Allow any of these young persons to enter or stay in your house, flat, room or place of work, whether you are there or not;
- Allow any of them to enter or stay in any other property you are present in;
- Allow any of them to enter or travel in any vehicle or caravan you own or are travelling in;
- Meet with any of them or remain in their presence;
- Telephone, text, e-mail, write or communicate with any of them in any way, directly or indirectly through other people;
- Provide any of them with any food, drink, gift or any other item.

If any of these young persons approaches or makes contact with you, you must immediately:

- Refuse to allow them to enter the property or vehicle you are in and ask them to leave or, in appropriate circumstances, leave the premises or vehicle yourself;
- Contact Social Services or the Police [insert phone numbers] if they refuse to leave;
- Break off any communication.

If you do not comply and this young person, or any other young person in the care of the Local Authority, is traced to your home / property / vehicle, or is found in your presence, **then you are liable to arrest and prosecution** under Section 49 Children Act 1989 which carries a maximum sentence of **6 months imprisonment** or Section 2 Child Abduction Act 1984 which carries a maximum sentence of **7 years imprisonment**. *[delete reference to s. 2 if child is over 16]* You may also be liable for prosecution for other criminal offences arising out of your contact with these young persons.

Any suggestion that you are offering these young persons necessary shelter or hospitality will be no defence. The Local Authority have parental responsibility for the young people in their care and wish to make it clear that no such services from you are required and are indeed unwelcome.

Person Receiving Warning

Name	
Date of Birth	
Address	

I confirm that:

- The officer has read and explained the contents of this warning notice to me;
- I have / have not been shown a photograph of the young person concerned:
- I am clear as to which young persons are being referred to and to which young person in particular; and
- The officer has handed me a copy of this warning notice.

Signature			
Time		Date	
Reason given if person refuses to sign			

Officer Issuing Warning

Collar Number & Name	
Station	

I confirm that:
- I have read and explained the contents of this warning notice to the person named above;
- I have / have not shown the person a photograph of the particular young person;
- Where a photograph has not been shown, I have verified that the person knows which particular young person I am referring to by:

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- I have handed the person a copy of this warning notice.

Signature			
Time		Date	