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Child Identification Kit

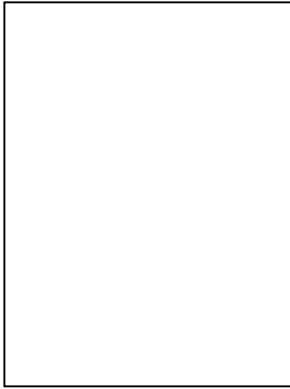
What to do if your child is missing...

- ◆ Immediately call 911 and all local law enforcement agencies. When law enforcement responds, present them with this Child Identification Kit. Have them enter the information into the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) at once.
- ◆ If you are in a store or mall, notify a store worker immediately. They can help with the search and can get exit doors locked so that no one can leave with your child.
- ◆ If you are home, call 911 before going out to search the neighborhood.
- ◆ Ask relatives, friends and neighbors to help you search and make phone calls.
- ◆ If you suspect abduction by a stranger, notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- ◆ Notify all local media. The general public's awareness of your missing child will get that many more eyes helping in the search.
- ◆ Notify your local child-locator agency. They can put your child's image and pertinent information on the internet, thereby guaranteeing instantaneous worldwide distribution. Call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.
- ◆ Get friends and relatives to take turns staying in your home to answer the phone in case your child calls.
- ◆ Make a flyer. Volunteers can help you to post flyers in highly visible areas.
- ◆ Your best chance of recovery is to encourage a coordinated response effort by law enforcement, the media, your child-find agency, and volunteers.
- ◆ Take care of yourself. Seek emotional support from your church, friends, relatives, or social service agencies.
- ◆ Do not give up hope!

Important Phone Numbers

- ◆ National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
(703) 274-3900
(800) THE LOST (1-800-843-5678)
- ◆ The Association Of Missing And Exploited Children's Organizations (Ameco)
(781) 878-3033
- ◆ Child Find Canada
(204) 339-5584

PHOTO RECORD - Parents should update photo annually.



Date _____

Child's Age _____

Height _____

Weight _____

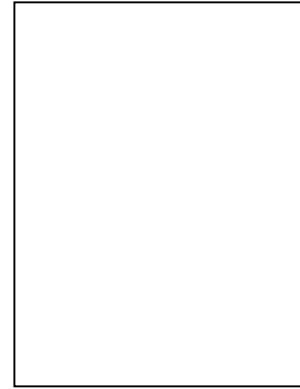


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IDENTIFICATION DATA

Child's Name _____ Sex _____

Parent's Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Social Security No. _____ Blood Type _____

Eye Color _____ Complexion _____ Hair Color _____

Scars, Tattoos, Moles, Birthmarks, Glasses _____

Operations, Illness, Special Conditions, Medications _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

RELATIVE/FRIEND TO CONTACT

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Street Address _____

City State Zip _____

FINGERPRINT RECORD

Directions for fingerprinting below:

- Make sure hands are clean
- Make sure fingers have even amount of ink
- Make sure fingerprints are clear and readable
- Make sure print is aligned and centered in the box

You want to get prints just below the first knuckle and from nail to nail:

- Roll thumbs towards the body
- Roll fingers away from the body
- Roll fingers from edge of nail to the other

Right Thumb	Right Index	Right Middle	Right Ring	Right Little	
Left Thumb	Left Index	Left Middle	Left Ring	Left Little	
Left 4 Fingers (Do 3 fingers first then index - press & lift) *		Left Thumb*	Right Thumb*	Right 4 Fingers (Do 3 fingers first then index - press & lift) *	
<p>*Press fingers onto ink surface and then onto fingerprint card - press flat on card and lift. Press thumb onto ink surface then press flat on card and lift. Do not roll - just press and lift.</p>					

DNA SAMPLE

- ◆ Rub a sterile cotton swab or sterile gauze on the inside of your child's cheek until it is moist.
- ◆ Let this air dry for twenty-four hours.
- ◆ When this is dry, place it in a Zip-lock bag and seal the bag.
- ◆ Fold the bag, place this bag into another Zip-lock bag, and seal the second bag.
- ◆ Label the bag with your child's name and the sample date.
- ◆ Save the bag in the freezer.
- ◆ Follow the same procedure for a blood sample if your child gets a cut someday.
- ◆ You may also save baby teeth in same manner, or a few pieces of hair with the root intact (from the child's comb or brush).

Child Safety Tips for Parents

- ◆ Keep the Child Identification Kit document in a safe place that is accessible any time day or night, keep a photocopy in your wallet, and update the photograph annually.
- ◆ When you are out, keep your child with you and in your sight at all times. If you are out with more than one child, have them use the buddy system so you all work as a team to stay together.
- ◆ Never leave your child alone at home or in the car.
- ◆ Keep all car doors locked when driving.
- ◆ Young children should not play outside without adult supervision, even in groups, except in a fenced backyard. Older children should not play in the front yard alone.
- ◆ Keep a list handy that contains the current addresses and phone numbers of your children's friends, neighbors, and emergency phone numbers (such as the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children). Update the list regularly.
- ◆ Know your neighbors. Your state should allow the public to check the criminal backgrounds, through law enforcement, of those who have access to your children. Do an internet search for sex offenders near your home and child's school.
- ◆ Know your neighborhood. Teach your child which homes they can always run to for help.
- ◆ Check out potential babysitters and listen to your instincts.
- ◆ Find out if your child's coach has passed a background check, or do one of your own.
- ◆ Do not advertise your child's name on clothing, school supplies, or backpacks. A stranger can use the name to make your child think he is a family friend.
- ◆ Give your child's school a list of people who are allowed to pick up your child.
- ◆ Take your child to and from the bus stop yourself or have your child use the buddy system. Keep in touch with the other parents so you will each know when the other child will not be there.
- ◆ Get a cell phone for each of your children so you can be in contact with them at all times.
- ◆ If you have a computer in the home that is connected to the internet, keep it in a common area (not your child's room) so you can monitor your child's internet activities. Consider using blocking software.
- ◆ Teach your children how to use a pay phone without money and how to call 911.
- ◆ Teach your children their full name, address, home phone number, and your work phone number or cell phone number. They can also keep this information inside their backpack or lunchbox.
- ◆ Teach your children how to yell if someone is trying to hurt them. Practicing will help them not be shy, worried about making a scene, or too scared to think of it on their own if it is ever necessary.
- ◆ Give your child a loud whistle to get help or scare someone away.
- ◆ Listen and talk to your children, and encourage them not to keep secrets from you. Let them know that adults should not ask them to keep secrets.
- ◆ Do not let your child use a restroom alone in a park, store, or restaurant.
- ◆ Insist on meeting another child's parents before letting your child play at their house go for a sleep-over.
- ◆ Work with local law enforcement to organize a neighborhood watch program.
- ◆ Report any suspicious activities to the police, school authorities, and other parents.
- ◆ Insist that your legislators support laws that are protective of and designed to benefit children.

Safety Tips for Children

- ◆ I will always play or go places with at least one other person – not alone.
- ◆ I will trust my feelings. If something feels wrong, it is wrong.
- ◆ I will tell my parent if someone in the neighborhood, in my family, or at school makes me feel uncomfortable. I do not have to worry about getting them in trouble.
- ◆ I will put physical distance between myself and whatever is making me feel uneasy.
- ◆ I know that my body belongs to me.
- ◆ I know that certain people that I don't know can help me out of dangerous situations: women, mom's with kids, older kids, police officers in uniform, or clerks in a store.
- ◆ I will walk and play in places my parents approve of.
- ◆ I will not talk to, or accept gifts from, or accept rides from adults I do not know without my parent's permission.
- ◆ I will not go into a stranger's house without my parents (not even when trick or treating on Halloween, caroling for the holidays, or selling things for a school fundraiser.)
- ◆ I will let my parents answer the door even if I am expecting a friend.
- ◆ I will learn to dial 911.
- ◆ I will learn my last name, my address, and my phone number.
- ◆ I will learn to use the pay phone without money.