

AMBER ALERT

If Your Child is Missing:

- Immediately call or go to your local law enforcement agency. There is no waiting period.
- Bring the most recent color photograph of the child, hair sample, blood type and physical description of the clothes the child was wearing.
- Report the child missing to the toll-free hotline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678 and the Ohio Missing Children's Clearinghouse at 1-800-325-5604.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Amber Alert
1-877-AMBER OH

Police

Fire Department

Hospital

Doctor

Relatives

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I Can Help My Parents By:

- Never saying "I'm alone" when answering the phone. Instead I say, "may I take a message" or "my mom or dad will call you back."
- Never answering the door alone.
- Never asking anyone into the house without permission from a parent or my baby-sitter.
- Never going anywhere without letting my parents know where I am.
- Never keeping secrets from grown-ups I trust even if someone asks me not to tell.
- Never getting into anyone's car without permission.
- Never taking candy or gifts from strangers without asking a parent first.
- Never playing in empty buildings or isolated areas (like woods, alleys, parking lots, behind buildings).

Phone Numbers:
My Phone number is

Parent Work Number

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- Teach your children their full name, address and telephone number.
- Teach your children how to make a long distance call (both directly to you using the area code and by dialing "0" for operator)
- Know the routes your child takes to and from school and other activities.
- Be involved in your child's activities by volunteering at school, clubs, and sporting events.
- Participate in a neighborhood watch program.
- Before leaving your child in the care of a day-care, preschool, baby-sitter, or youth organization, check their references and qualifications. Ask if they conduct pre-employment background checks.
- Teach your child what to do if approached by anyone. Common approaches are offering a ride, gifts, or candy, asking the child look for a lost pet, or claiming that the child's parent has asked them to bring the child home because of an emergency.
- Listen to your child; don't disregard their fears. Instead, let them know you take their fears and concerns seriously.

For more safety and prevention tips visit
www.ohioamberplan.org

- ⇩ **Ohio's Amber Alert at:**
www.ohioamberplan.org
- ⇩ **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at:**
www.missingkids.com
- ⇩ **The Ohio Attorney General's Office at:**
www.ag.state.oh.us
- ⇩ **U.S. Department of Justice Amber Alert at:**
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/amberalert
- ⇩ **The FBI at:**
www.fbi.gov
- ⇩ **Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police at:**
www.oacp.org
- ⇩ **Buckeye State Sheriff's Association at:**
www.buckeyesheriffs.com
- ⇩ **The Ohio Association of Broadcasters at:**
www.oab.org
- ⇩ **Ohio Department of Public Safety at:**
www.ohiopublicsafety.com
- ⇩ **Ohio State Highway Patrol at:**
www.dw.ohio.gov/ohiostatetpatrol



A cooperative public service alert to safely recover abducted children

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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN



People go to great lengths to protect their children. Parents, teachers and public service personnel talk to them about keeping themselves safe, and in general, put forth every effort to make sure that nothing will harm them. Nothing is more precious, more valuable than our children. But in spite of our best efforts to the contrary, sometimes a child is abducted. The Ohio AMBER

Alert Plan, implemented by the State of Ohio on January 1st, 2003, is designed to increase the likelihood that an abducted child will return home safely.

The History of the AMBER Plan

In January of 1996, Amber Hagerman was abducted in Arlington, Texas, in broad daylight with witnesses. Despite intensive police, FBI and media involvement, Amber's body was found four days later, and the crime has remained unsolved. In her memory, and that of abducted children nationwide, the Dallas area developed the first Amber Plan to aid in the recovery of abducted children. Since that time many cities and states have developed their own plans. Ohio has several local, regional and a statewide AMBER Alert program.

If your Child is Missing

1. Immediately contact your local law enforcement agency.
2. Provide the most recent color photograph of the child, along with other methods to identify your child. This may include fingerprints, hair sample, DNA kit*, blood type and physical description, including a description of the clothes the child was wearing
3. Report the child missing to the toll-free hotline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678, and the Ohio Missing Children's Clearinghouse at 1-800-325-5604.

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Once your local police department has received your abducted child's report, they will confirm that an abduction has occurred to determine whether or not it meets the criteria to issue an AMBER Alert. Those criteria are;

1. An abducted child must be under 18 years of age.
2. The abduction poses a credible threat of immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death to the child.
3. A law enforcement agency determines that the child is not a runaway and has not been abducted as a result of a child custody dispute, unless the dispute poses a credible threat of immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death to the child.
4. There is sufficient descriptive information about the child, the abductor, and the circumstances surrounding the abduction to indicate that activation of the alert will help locate the child.
5. The Amber plan is only activated by law enforcement.
6. It is only used for serious child abduction cases.
7. It should not be used for runaways or custody disputes unless the circumstance is life-threatening to the child.

If your local law enforcement agency recommends an AMBER Alert they will follow the local, state, or regional implementation plan. The AMBER Alert telephone system will activate, and tips called to 1-877-AMBER OH will route to the local law enforcement agency. An alert will be issued over the Emergency Alert System. Ohio television, cable television and radio stations will notify the public using the system. The ohioamberplan.org website home page will have information about the alert and there will be updates as circumstances warrant.

Child Safety Tips to Prevent Abduction

Although no one wants to think about the abduction of a child, the best prevention is for you and your children to be informed and aware.



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