

AMBER ALERT

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- Report the child missing to the toll-free hotline of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.

Emergency Phone Numbers:

Amber Alert
1-888-58AMBER

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 into anyone's house without letting my parents know where I am.
- ⊗ Never keeping secrets from my parents 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).

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4. Be involved in your child's activities by volunteering at school, clubs and sporting events.
5. Participate in a neighborhood watch program.
6. 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.
7. Teach your child what to do if approached by a stranger. Common approaches are offering a ride, gifts or candy, asking the child to help them look for a lost pet, or claiming that the child's parent has asked them to bring the child home because of an emergency.
8. 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.amberalertindiana.com.



"Amber Alert is like an insurance policy for Indiana's children – we hope we never have to use it, but knowing it's there gives all of us a little bit of reassurance." — Indiana

Governor Frank O'Bannon



"Amber Alert Indiana has unified the best in public safety and private enterprise to increase the opportunity for an abducted child to be brought home safely." —

Superintendent Melvin Carraway, Indiana State Police

Chief Mike Fogarty, Carmel Police Department

D. Michael Eslinger, Indiana Sheriffs Association



"The broadcasters of Indiana have united enthusiastically to develop and implement the Amber Alert Program. Our mission as broadcasters is to 'serve the public interest' and there could be no more powerful demonstration of serving the public interest than saving the life of a child." – Charlie Morgan, Indiana Broadcasters Association Board

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance created this brochure for the Amber Alert Indiana Plan.

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A cooperative public service alert to safely recover abducted children

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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 Amber Alert Indiana Plan, implemented by the State of Indiana on October 1, 2002, is designed to increase the likelihood that a abducted child will return home safely.

The History of the Amber Plan

In January, 1996, Amber Hagerman was abducted in Dallas, 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, Dallas developed the first Amber Plan to aid in the recovery of abducted children. Since that time, many cities and states have developed their own Amber Plans. On October 1, 2002, at the culmination of the efforts of numerous people, Indiana became the 20th state in the United States with an active Amber Plan.

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**DNA Kits are the most effective way to positively identify a person. The DNA Kit can be completed in the privacy of your home and is kept by you until a time of need. To get a DNA Kit visit the nearest Indiana State Police Post or Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Office.*

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Once your local police department has received your abducted child's report, they will review the information to determine whether or not it meets the criteria to issue an Amber Alert. Those criteria are:

1. The child must be under 18 years of age
2. The child must be believed to be abducted, and in danger of serious bodily harm or death
3. There must be enough descriptive information to believe the broadcast will help
4. Request must be recommended by the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction

Missing adults, runaways, and children taken in child custody disputes do NOT qualify for Amber Alert activation in Indiana.

If your local law enforcement agency recommends an Amber Alert, they will contact the Indiana State Police, who will initiate the Amber Alert. The Amber Alert telephone system will activate, and tips called into 1-888-58AMBER will route into the local law enforcement agency. An alert will be issued over the Emergency Alert System through the Indiana Broadcasters Association. Indiana television and radio stations will issue at least one alert every half-hour for the first two hours (the most critical), and then every hour for the next three hours. The Amber Alert Indiana website home page will have information about the alert, and will be updated 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.

1. Teach your children their full name, address and phone number.
2. Teach your children how to make a long distance call (both directly to you using the area code and by dialing "0" for operator).
3. Know the routes your child takes to and from school, friends' homes and other activities.



More Safety Tips on back ➡

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