

Missing Persons

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What do I do if someone is missing?

- Contact your local law enforcement agency as soon as you can.
- Check areas where a child may play or fall asleep. Check inside large appliances, check areas where you child was last seen.
- Provide law enforcement of date, time and location of where person was last seen.
- Provide law enforcement with names of last person(s) who saw the person prior the disappearance.
- Determine names of companions last seen with them.
- Secure the personal belongings and child's room until law enforcement has conducted a search.
- Identify and secure computers, online resources, or communications devices the person may have used. Ask law enforcement to check these for clues.
- Provide general health information about the victim to law enforcement.
- Compile described information about missing person.
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- Ask that an AMBER ALERT be considered.
- Ask if a neighborhood canvass will be done
- Keep all telephone lines open
- Obtain name and contact information of the investigator assigned to your case
- Provide law enforcement with information about individuals showing interest in the missing person.
- Provide law enforcement with custody issues including court-ordered visitation conditions.
- Tell law enforcement of changes in person's behavior prior to disappearance.
- Restrict access to neighbors, friends and nonfamily members until law enforcement has arrived.

Things to include on a Missing Person's Sign:

- Person's Full Name
- Where they were missing from
- Date missing
- Date of Birth
- Age
- Sex
- Height
- Weight
- Eyes
- Hair
- Race
- Other details to describe the person, such as: what they were wearing, scars, tattoos, body piercings, health problems, jewelry or personal belongings they were wearing, etc..

If you think you have seen a missing child, contact:

[The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](http://www.missingkids.com/home)

24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

<http://www.missingkids.com/home> 1-800-THE LOST / 1-800-843-5676