

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD

DENTIST'S Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers _____

DOCTOR'S Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Numbers _____

Medical Alert Info _____

Your Child's Physical Description

Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____ Glasses

Contacts Skin Tone _____ Race _____



Birthmarks, Scars, Distinguishing Features

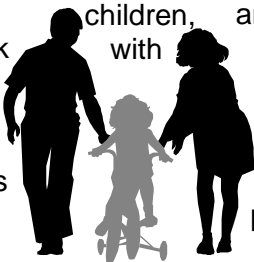
Write corresponding # on body-chart at left.

- 1) Half-inch round scar (*example*)
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____

WHAT IS MISSING CHILDREN MINNESOTA?

Missing Children Minnesota is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and the oldest in the Midwest dedicated to the safe return of missing children and child personal safety education.

We are here to help families find missing children. We are here to provide child safety education and abduction prevention programs for parents, children, and people who work with children.



Some of our staff and board members have been personally affected by the abduction or disappearance of a child. All are concerned citizens who dedicate time, talent and hard work on behalf of the safety, education and well-being of children.

Missing Children Minnesota never charges for helping families in the search for their missing children.

Our phones are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

612-334-9449 or toll-free 1-888-RUN-YELL

(1-888-786-9355)

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Charter member, Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO)



Community Solutions Fund member



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Child's Name _____

Birth Date _____

DATE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
_____	_____	_____
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Dedicated to the personal safety of all children

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IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING

1. *Try to remain as calm as possible.* Quickly, thoroughly search immediate area, inside and out. Then call police without delay; ask them to send an officer. *There is never a waiting period for filing a missing person report on a child.* After calling the police, *stay by the phone* for messages; let others continue the search.
2. If at a store or mall, contact manager or security; ask them to search. Then *call police!*
3. *During the next few hours*, stay where you are or take a cell phone with you so you can be contacted. Organize people to help in the search. If away from home, have someone bring your child's photos; arrange for someone to take calls at home.
4. Register with Missing Children Minnesota, 612-334-9449 or 1-888-RUN-YELL (or a child search agency near you), as soon as you can. We can help with logistics, provide "missing child" posters, guidance, advocacy, emotional support, etc.

5. If your child uses a computer, "freeze" it until you can check child's e-mail and previous online activities. Check child's cellphone call records.

6. Make sure there's an answering machine or voicemail on your phone. *At the very beginning of the message* say, "We will accept long distance collect calls." That way, if your child (or someone with information about your child) calls you collect, the operator will let them leave a message.

7. Over the next few days, stay in touch with police and MCM; make 10 or more copies of your child's best, most recent photo; *take notes on everything*; make sure phone is covered; call 1-800-THE-LOST and register your child.

Be Prepared For A Missing Child Emergency

In addition to putting together I.D. folders (see center column) for your child(ren), establish a plan for your family in case you become separated at a store or at an event away from home. Teach your children (and periodically review with them) how to respond to a threatening situation. Request MCM's brochure, "*What To Do If Your Child Is Missing.*"

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CHILD I.D. KIT CHECK LIST

Make An I.D. Folder Using This Checklist:

- Photos — *under* five years old, every six months; *over* five, once a year. Photos work best if the background is light, the pose is "casual" and your child is not smiling.
- Birth certificate (certified copy) Child's SSN
- Height, weight, hair color and style, eye color. Review and update every six months.
- Scars, birthmarks, piercings, distinguishing marks and features. Review and update every six months.



- Information on where dental records are kept; a list of doctors' names, addresses, phone numbers; hospitals and clinics where any x-rays may have been taken; medical alert info, etc.

- Names, addresses, phone numbers of your school-age child(ren)'s friends.

- If you want fingerprints of your child for the folder, Make sure you have them done by a trained professional (call your local police department).

- Mementos — like a good report card, sports award, birthday party snapshots, etc. Make the folder into a memory book!

If You're Separated Or Divorced:

- Certified copies of divorce and/or custody papers.
- Former spouse's SSN, driver's license number, car license plate number, employment information and, if possible, credit card and banking information.
- Former in-laws' addresses, phone numbers, etc.

If A Parent Abducts A Child

If an estranged or former spouse has abducted your child(ren), *call the police immediately!* Parental abduction is a felony in all 50 states.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PROTECT THEMSELVES

1. Teach your child his/her name, address, phone number (including the area code). Teach your children how to *use the phone*, including how to make a long-distance collect call to **YOU**. Teach your children how to dial 911 when there's an emergency.
2. Young children should *never be left unattended in a car*; they *should not* be outside playing by themselves, or anywhere else *without supervision*. Children who are old enough to be left alone still need to have an adult resource to check in with (by phone, if necessary) and to talk to if they have questions or need help in case of an emergency (*after* calling 911).
3. Teach preschool-age children to *never TAKE* anything from anyone without your approval. Teach them to say, "I have to ask first!" and *run right away* to you or the person who's taking care of them, *tell what happened* and ask for permission.
4. Teach preschool-age children to *never GO* anywhere with anyone or *GET INTO A CAR* with anyone without your approval. Teach them to say, "I have to ask first!" and *run right away* to you or the person who's taking care of them, *tell what happened* and ask for permission.
5. Teach school-age children about the *lures* child molesters use: "I've lost my puppy. Can you help me find him?" or "Let's go get some ice cream!" or "Hurry! Come with me! Your mom's been hurt!" etc.
6. Teach your children it's okay to say "*no*" to grown-ups, especially where their bodies are concerned. They don't have to hug or kiss anyone they don't want to. It may be inconvenient for you, but it could save your child.
7. Tell your children that if they're feeling threatened they should *RUN* to where there are people, *YELL* for help and *TELL* an adult what happened to them.

For more information on keeping kids safe, contact
Missing Children Minnesota

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