

Child ID Resources

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Implementation of Child Identification Kits Program

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is pleased to introduce a new program being funded with federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) funds to assist law enforcement in the identification and recovery of missing children/ abducted children. Through the Implementation of this program, Child Identification Kits and fingerprinting will be made available for children under the age of eighteen. Information regarding missing and abducted children will also be disseminated. Services within the Central to Southern California Region will be provided by Central California CARES, located in Hanford. Services within the Central to Northern California Region will be provided by the Vanished Children's Alliance, located In San Jose.

The program is beginning its first year of a three–year funding cycle. The grant recipients will receive funds to implement the program in year two and three based on availability of funds and project performance. OES is excited about this new program and believes it will provide a great benefit to law enforcement and the community in assisting the investigation and retrieval of missing and abducted children. We encourage you to contact one of the service providers to bring the resources to your community. Should you have question about this program, please contact the agency designated for your region.

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Child Identification Kit

Name:

Preparing Your Child's Identification (ID) Kit

This Child Identification Kit (ID Kit) serves as a vital record of information about your child. It will be extremely helpful to you and law enforcement should your child ever be missing. Update the information frequently as your child grows and changes (every six months to a year). Keep your child's ID Kit in a safe, easily accessible place in your home. Give it to the law enforcement officer responding to your missing child report.

Current Photo and Child Identification Information

Glue photo here Full Name: Date of Photo Age Weight Height Home Street Address City State Zip School Name/Phone Grade

Information About Your Child

Provide all information. Review the information frequently to ensure it is current. Social Security Number Gender Race Eye color Hair color Blood Type Identifying features (birthmarks, scars, and moles) Nicknames Medical Conditions (Asthma, Diabetes, etc.) Disabilities Allergies (food, medicine) **Current medications** Doctor's name and phone Dentist's name and phone Child Care Center Phone After School Program Phone Church/Club or Team Information Bicvcle description & registration number Eye glasses frame description

Contact Information

Provide information about yourself and your child's other parent. Prepare a list of contacts who might provide information should your child be missing...friends, relatives, neighbors, etc.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name Address Home Phone Work Phone

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Teach Your Children:

Not to go with anyone, for any reason, without your permission!

Not to wander off, to avoid lonely places, and not to take shortcuts through alleys or deserted areas.

They are safer walking or playing with friends.

Always come straight home from school unless you've made other arrangements.

Not to enter anyone's home without your permission.

To scream, run away and tell you or a trusted adult if anyone attempts to touch or grab them.

Not to go with anyone who offers them treats, toys, or money or ask them to help find a lost pet.

Not to give any information over the internet or telephone, particularly their name and address, or that they are alone.

Keep all doors locked and not to open the door to anyone without your permission.

Not to leave your home or yard without your permission.

Protect Your Children

Know where your children are, and who they are with, at all times.

Carefully screen and require background checks on child care providers, youth group, club and team leaders. Establish strict procedures for picking children up as school, after movies, at friends' homes, etc. Don't let your children accept rides from anyone without your permission. This includes friends, neighbors and family members. Teach your children their full names, your full name, address, and telephone number. Teach them how to reach either you or a trusted adult and how to call 911 in an emergency.

Tell your children about the abduction problem in a calm and simple way, as if you were teaching any other important coping skill.

Listen attentively when your children discusses anyone they've encountered in your absence.

Never leave children alone in cars.

Small children should play only in the backyard or in a supervised play area.

If Your Child Is Missing–Act Immediately!

Call 911 or your local law enforcement agency.

The first hours in the search for a child are crucial! Quickly call friends and relatives who might know your child's whereabouts. Within thirty minutes call the police or 9-1-1.

Get friends and family to help you distribute a current (close up) photo and physical description of your child as quickly and as widely as possible. Don't forget to include your phone number and your police department's phone number.

Have someone by the phone every minute of the day and night.

For help in finding a missing child, call:

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

800-843-5678

Vanished Children's Alliance

1-408-296-1113