



IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING...

1. DON'T WAIT
2. CALL 911
3. CALL LRC AT
866-898-5723

Keep a notebook and record of all information about your missing child. Note dates, times and anyone you talk to. Ask each person for the name of someone else you should talk to that might know something about your child's disappearance.

Ultimately you are the child's best advocate. Most of the hard work, time and energy put into finding your child will come from you.



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CENTER

FOR MISSING CHILDREN

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SEARCHING FOR YOUR CHILD

- If parents of the child are not living together, contact the other parent concerning the whereabouts of/or contact with your child.
- Contact family members and ask if they have heard from your child.
- Contact your child's friends. Ask when they last talked to or saw your child. Express sincere concern for your child. Ask them for additional names and phone numbers of anyone who might know something about the whereabouts of your child. Check back in a few days to get any update.
- Keep a phone log. Write down all calls made and received. Leave an answering machine on when you are away from the phone.
- If you have Caller ID, note any unusual numbers. Other options that may be helpful include: call waiting and last call return (*69 in most areas).
- Review phone and cellular bills for any numbers that you don't recognize.
- Check with the police and phone company about a trap and trace device on your phone system.
- Check area hospitals, clinics, morgues, jails, Child Protection services, Division of Family services etc.
- Check your child's computer activity. Keep in mind your child may have used a friend's computer or a computer at school or a public library to communicate with someone.
- Contact your child's school and school safety department. Ask them to become involved in the search for your child. Ask if there are any other children missing. Ask if they're aware of any incidents or confrontations the child may have had prior to the child's disappearance.
- Check school lockers, gym lockers, backpacks, books and notebooks for telephone numbers, notes, addresses, locations, receipts – anything that might indicate where your child has gone.
- Check credit card, bank or ATM activity. Account for all of your own credit cards, checks, and money. If child was employed, check with employer. When was child last paid?
- Check the house to see if anything is missing (clothing, money, weapons, photos, address books, items that could be pawned, etc.).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Write down the name of the officer who takes the report as well as the badge number, telephone number and the police report number (case number).
- If requested, provide the officer with the most recent photograph of the child. Be sure that you have additional copies of recent photographs of your child. These will be needed by any missing child organizations that you may contact. Original photographs may not be returned to you.
- Insist that your child be listed in the NCIC (National Crime Information Center). This is important so that if your child's name is run through the system for any reason by any law enforcement agency it will show that your child has been reported missing.
- Ask if the responding law enforcement agency has access to a Critical Reach or Locator system. Request that a Critical Reach flyer be made and distributed to appropriate law enforcement agencies. If available, ask for a copy of the Critical Reach flyer for your use .
- Ask the officer who will follow up on the initial investigation and when you can expect to hear from them.
- Provide an accurate and honest account of the conditions surrounding your child's disappearance.
- If you suspect your child has been lured online, ask Law Enforcement about contacting an ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) officer.

FLYERS

- Don't put personal addresses or phone numbers on the flyer, use the law enforcement agency and/or Laura Recovery Center addresses and phones.
- Use the most current photo and one that gives the most accurate portrayal of your child. Glamour type photographs don't always give the best likeness.
- Distribute flyers. Enlist the help of your child's friends. Contact the members of your church, PTA, friends and neighbors.
- Consider including a personal message to your child.
- If flyer is posted on the Laura Recovery Center website, it can be emailed and faxed at no cost.
- Families can create their own flyer by using the flyer creation tool on the Laura Recovery Center website at www.LRCF.org.

WHERE TO POST YOUR FLYERS

Remember to always ask permission to post flyers. Some businesses are not allowed to post flyers. Please be appreciative and ask where they could put the flyer for their employees and customers to see.

- fast food restaurants
- convenience stores
- truck stops/rest stops
- arcades, local hangouts
- hotels/motels
- any place your child visited on a regular basis
- shopping malls
- bus stops
- gas stations
- movie theaters
- shelters/food banks

Also consider Chambers of Commerce and their members, local and regional law enforcement agencies, child related businesses, hospitals, doctor's offices, apartment complexes, airports, and rental car agencies.