

Missing Children Information

What can you do to help?



Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3313.96

(A) As used in this section, "minor," "missing child," and "missing children" have the same meanings as in section [2901.30](#) of the Revised Code.

(B) Each board of education shall develop within its district informational programs for students, parents, and community members relative to missing children issues and matters. Each of these boards may request copies of the informational materials acquired or prepared by the missing children clearinghouse pursuant to section [109.65](#) of the Revised Code and may request assistance from the clearinghouse in developing its programs. The principal or chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school in this state may develop within his school informational programs relative to missing children issues and matters for students, parents, and community members. The principal or officer may request copies of the informational materials acquired or prepared by the missing children clearinghouse and may request assistance from the clearinghouse in developing its programs.

(C) Each board of education may develop a fingerprinting program for students and minors within the district. The principal or chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school in this state may develop a fingerprinting program for students of the school. If developed, the program shall be developed in conjunction with law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction within the school district or where the nonpublic school is located and, in the case of a local school district, in conjunction with the governing board of the educational service center. Such law enforcement agencies shall cooperate fully with the board or nonpublic school in the development of its fingerprinting program. If developed, the fingerprinting program shall be developed for the sole purpose of providing a means by which a missing child might be located or identified and shall be operated on the following basis:

Ohio AMBER Alert

The Ohio AMBER Plan- the Amber Alert Plan is a critical missing child response program that utilizes the resources of law enforcement and media to notify the public when children are kidnapped.

- www.ohioamberplan.org
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ohioamberalert>
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/AMBERAlertOH>

Ohio Missing Adult Alerts

Ohio Missing Adult Alerts- An alert system to quickly notify the public and media outlets about endangered missing adults, age 65 or older, or those with mental impairments.

- www.missingadults.ohio.gov
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OhioMissing>
- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Missing-Adults/162836477183271>

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a private, (501) (c) (3) nonprofit organization which was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. The organization provides information and resources to law enforcement, parents, and children including child victims as well as other professionals.

Resources NCMEC

- ❖ Child ID resources - Learn more about how to prepare a Child ID for your children in the event they are missing. One of the most important pieces of this kit is an up-to-date, good quality photo.
- ❖ If your child is missing - NCMEC recommends you immediately call your local law enforcement agency and then call NCMEC at 1-800-THELOST ® (1-800-843-5678)
- ❖ Child safety and prevention - NCMEC provides safety and prevention resources for families and professionals focusing on abduction, exploitation and Internet safety.

Additional Resources

- ❖ www.missingkids.com
- ❖ Let's Bring Them Home - www.lbth.org
- ❖ National Missing and Unidentified Persons System - www.namus.gov
- ❖ Team Hope - www.teamhope.org
- ❖ A Child Is Missing (ACIM) - www.achildismissing.org
- ❖ Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations - www.amecoinc.org
- ❖ National Runaway Switchboard - www.1800runaway.org