

Safety Suggestions

What your children should know

- Full name, address and telephone number (including one parent's work number)
- How to call the operator and make a long distance call

What you should know

- Ensure that your doctor and dentist maintain accurate, up-to-date records. If you move, get copies of the records. Use your CHIP file.
- Know how to obtain your child's records in an emergency.
- Observe what your child wears every day.
- Know your child's route to school, the full name of friends and where they live.

What you should do

- Keep accurate CHIP records
- Instruct all caregivers not to release your child to anyone but you without your permission.
- Establish a safe place where your child can go in case of trouble.

What you should not do

- Don't put your child's name on clothing or other personal articles where a stranger can easily see it.
- Never leave a child alone in a car or in a shopping cart.

What you should tell your children

- Call if they change plans.
- Always stay with a friend when traveling.
- Go to a checkout counter if they are separated from you in a store.
- When home alone, never answer the door or tell someone on the phone that they are alone.
- Ignore grownup strangers who ask for help.
- Say "No!" if an adult makes them uncomfortable.
- If a stranger tries to force them to do something, yell, scream or kick.
- If abducted, leave bits of hair in a car or spit all over the door handles.

Emergency Contacts

Local Police _____

State Police _____

FBI Headquarters (202)324-3000

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

In the U.S. & Canada: 1-800-843-5678
From Mexico: 001-800-843-5678
From Europe: 00-800-0843-5678

NCMEC website: www.missingkids.com or www.ncmec.org

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For more information about the Maine Freemason CHIP Program, please contact:

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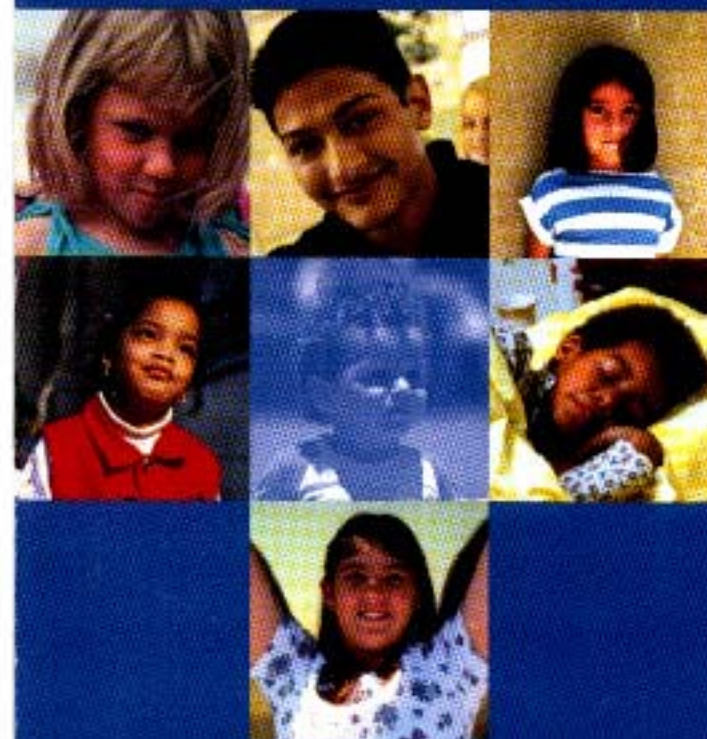
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What To Do If Your Child Is Missing

Each year, over 100,000 children are reported missing in the United States. Every 40 seconds a child is abducted or reported missing. Since 1982, the number of missing children has increased 468%! And most abductions are a result of luring children to a vehicle rather than by force. While these are alarming statistics, there is something you can do.

The Child Identification Program (CHIP), is designed to combat child abduction and assist in finding a lost child. It is a free service offered to all Maine communities by the Freemasons of Maine with the help of other organizations in the Masonic family including Rainbow, DeMolay, Eastern Star and Shrine. Working in concert with law enforcement officials and dental professionals the Freemasons provide fingerprinting, toothprinting, and videotaping services designed to create a personal record that is used to identify your child in case of abduction or any other emergency. If the unthinkable happens, and your child is missing, these records, which remain in your possession, could make the difference in saving your child's life. It provides law enforcement officials with three key tools for identifying your child. This program is recognized by the American Dental Society and endorsed by the Maine Dental Association. The program is also endorsed by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) recognizes this program as one of the most comprehensive child identification programs in the nation.



The 5-Step C.H.I.P. Program

1. Registration

The parents/guardians receive materials about the program and information needed to complete the ID procedure.



2. Video Interview

The video interview takes about three minutes and is designed to capture, on tape, the child's distinctive mannerisms as well as specific personal information that could be used to help identify your child.



3. Fingerprinting

Each child is fingerprinted using a removable black ink.

4. Toothprinting - Dental Impression

Like fingerprints, dental imprints are unique to every person, so bite impressions serve as an accurate method of identification. It takes only a few minutes and is completely painless.

DNA - Cheek cells in saliva provide DNA which can uniquely identify anyone.

Dog Scenting - Saliva provides a pure, exclusive trace scent which tracking dogs can use to find lost children.



5. Review

Families are encouraged to review each video to ensure good sound and the visual quality of the tape.

Upon completion, all materials are turned over to the parents/guardians for safekeeping.

Best of all, it's FREE!

1. Act Immediately. If missing from home, search all closets, piles of laundry in and under beds, inside old refrigerators and wherever a child could hide. Check with neighbors and friends. If you cannot locate your child, call the police immediately!
2. Call the police. Stay calm. Identify yourself and your location and say, "Please send an officer, I want to report a missing child."
3. Give your child's name, date of birth, height, weight, eye and hair color and any identifiers, such as glasses or contacts, piercings, braces or unique physical attributes. Provide the officer with all the CHIP information.
4. Tell the police when you last saw your child and what he or she was wearing.
5. Listen and follow the instructions from the police.
6. Request that your child's name and identifying information be immediately entered in to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File. This will help law enforcement agencies throughout the country in identifying your child.
7. Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at **800-THE-LOST (800-843-5678)**. They can verify that your child's information is entered into the NCIC Missing Person File.