



## What Now?

Now that you have completed the **Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program**, we recommend the following:

- Freeze cheek swab in envelope
- Keep these materials readily available (take the kit with you on vacations – including the Toothprint™, but not the cheek swab)
- Review safe practices with your children, including that of spitting and touching things as much as possible if they ever become abducted or lost

## What If? – If you believe your child is missing...

What if someone was to grab your child or you cannot locate him or her? How should you act and what should you do after the initial devastation?

### **Act Immediately**

1. Try to stay calm.
2. Quick action is essential, but staying calm is very important.
3. If your child is missing from home, search the house, checking closets, piles of laundry, in and under beds, inside large appliances, and inside vehicles, including trunks—wherever a child may crawl or hide. It is important to check where your child could hide, but **you do not want to disturb clues that law enforcement may need to see – this may include handwritten notes, computer files, email accounts, waste baskets, wallets, purses and diaries. Try to protect these items without touching them.**
4. Other things to check: Homes of friends, neighbors and relatives, ex-spouse's home, past and present babysitters, school and school playgrounds, community activities, sports facilities, neighborhood libraries, and nearby hangouts i.e. restaurants, quick shops or stores.
5. If you still cannot find your child, **immediately call your local law enforcement agency.**
6. If your child disappears in a store, notify the store manager or security office. Then **immediately call your local law enforcement agency.** Many stores have a Code Adam plan of action— if a child is missing in the store, employees immediately mobilize to look for the missing child.
7. When you call law enforcement, provide your child's name, date of birth, height, weight, and any other unique identifiers such as eyeglasses and braces. Tell them when you noticed that your child was missing and what clothing he or she was wearing.
8. Tell the law enforcement agency that you have a CHIP kit.
9. Request that your child's name and identifying information be immediately entered into the **National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File and the AMBER Alert system.** The Law Enforcement Agency should notify all other agencies, including the County Sheriff, State Highway Patrol and the FBI.
10. Have someone stay near the telephone at all times and ask someone near you to keep a diary of all that has been done or is being done to find your child.

### **Other organizations to call:**

**National Center for Missing & Exploited Children** (1-800-843-5678, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com))  
**Team H.O.P.E.** – a parent support network of families with missing children (1-800-306-6311)  
**National Runaway Switchboard** (1-800-786-2929)

The Nebraska Freemasons hope these materials will never be needed. If they are, we pray for the safe return of your child. We are proud to provide this measure of security to the families of the State of Nebraska.

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