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AMBER Alert Criteria

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, each state has established their own criteria for issuing an AMBER Alert. The Department of Justice established minimum standards for issuing the alert that include the following:

- Law enforcement must confirm that an abduction has taken place
- The child is at risk of serious injury or death
- There is sufficient descriptive information of child, captor or captor's vehicle to issue an Alert
- The child must be 17-years-old or younger

It is recommended that immediate entry of AMBER Alert data be entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center. Text information describing the

circumstances surrounding the abduction of the child should be entered, and the case flagged as Child Abduction.

State Legislation

Since it's inception, the AMBER Alert has been highly effective, saving the lives of over 200 children nationwide. (Source: <http://www.amberalert.gov/faqs.html>)

NCMEC actively began promoting the nation-wide adaptation of the AMBER Alert program in the fall of 2001. According to www.missingkids.com, "the success of the program led to the creation of more than 100 known plans nationwide. NCMEC's goal is to offer technical assistance and training, in concert with the U.S. Department of Justice, to all AMBER Alert plans throughout the country."

The national coordinator, Regina B.

Schofield, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, states, "at the end of 2001 there were only four statewide plans, and now 50 states have statewide plans in place." (Source: <http://www.amberalert.gov/docs/>)

AMBER Alert Recovery

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Barron County, Wisconsin

A 16-month-old was abducted from his grandmother's home by his non-custodial mother, who also stole the grandmother's car. The woman then met up with the child's non-custodial father. Both are alleged to be meth addicts and the child's mother appeared to be very high during the abduction. Fearing for the child's safety, an **AMBER Alert** was issued. The two abductors heard the **AMBER Alert**, and because they knew that police were searching for them, dropped the child off with a friend. The child was safely recovered.

A Few Examples of Recent ID Events and Sponsors

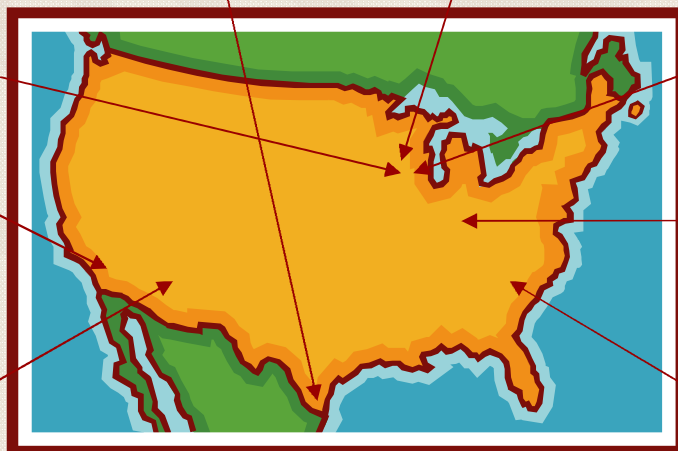
Marshfield Optimist Club
& St. Joseph's
Children's Hospital
Marshfield, WI
Children's Miracle
Network Telethon

Sharyland Elementary School
PTO
Mission, TX
Kid's Fair Fundraiser

Tomahawk Community Bank &
Tomahawk School District
Tomahawk, WI
School Enrollments

KTIE News Talk 590
San Bernardino, CA
"Health & Safety Fair"

Greater Scottsdale
Boys & Girls Clubs
Scottsdale, AZ



Chilton Optimist Club &
State Bank of Chilton
Chilton, WI

Warsaw Optimist Club
Foundation Grants
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