



## If You Believe Your Child is Missing...

1. If your child goes missing while at home, thoroughly search the house. Check under beds, in closets, under piles of laundry, the basement – anywhere a child could hide.
2. If your child goes missing while in a store, call them by name and IMMEDIATELY notify a store manager or security office. Many stores have a Code Adam policy where the store is locked-down while employees help to search for the missing child.
3. In all situations, if the child is not immediately found, **CALL LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BY DIALING 9-1-1** (there is no mandatory waiting period when a child is missing). When you speak with law enforcement personnel, provide them your child's name, date of birth, height, weight, hair color, and any other distinguishing identifiers (refer to ID Card &/or Child Profile Sheet). Tell them where your child went missing and the clothes they were wearing.
4. When the law enforcement responds, present the officer with your Kidz-IDz Child Photo ID & Medical Emergency Card and/or completed Child Profile Sheet.
5. Request that your child's name and identifying information be immediately entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File.
6. Request the local agency's case number and the NCIC number. Record them both in a safe place. Providing these numbers to a Missing Child Non-Profit Organization (NPO) will assist in expediting the case registration process.
7. Once you have contacted local law enforcement, notify one of the Missing Child Non-Profit Organizations listed here. They have the experience to assist you and local law enforcement in recovering your child.
  - a. National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)
  - b. Child Find of America: 1-800-I-AM-LOST (1-800-426-5678)
  - c. Operation LOOKOUT: 1-800-LOOKOUT (1-800-566-5688)
  - d. Polly Klaas Foundation: 1-800-587-4357
  - e. Vanished Children's Alliance: 1-800-VANISHED (1-800-826-4743)
8. Always keep your home staffed with family or friends. This will ensure someone is home if your child tries to contact you there.
9. Distribute posters. Contact your local police department's crime prevention officer. This person is responsible for organizing your community's local Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch Block Captain can help organize and expedite the distribution of posters and flyers in highly visible areas.