

Connecticut's AMBER ALERT



You CAN Help
Find an Abducted Child

WHAT IS THE AMBER ALERT?

In 1996, a 9 year-old girl named Amber was abducted while playing near her home in Texas. She was later found murdered.

The Association of Radio Managers (ARMS), with the assistance of law enforcement; feeling they could do more to help, created the Amber Alert System in Texas. This system was designed to give radio listeners and television viewers immediate information about any child abduction.

In Connecticut, the Connecticut Broadcasters Association (CBA), working with the Connecticut Chiefs of Police, and Connecticut State Police, with the approval of Governor Rowland created and implemented Connecticut's AMBER Alert Plan. This system is now in place, in hopes of quickly alerting citizens of any abduction/kidnapping and enlisting them in the search efforts.

HOW THE AMBER ALERT WORKS

Once the Police respond to the scene and obtain a description of the child, abductor and vehicle, this information is immediately reported to the Connecticut State Police Message Center and recorded on an audio Alert Message. The emergency message is immediately broadcast to all radio and television stations across the State through the Emergency Alert System (EAS). This is the same alert used during severe weather emergencies.

The goal of the AMBER Alert System is to instantly notify the entire State, so everyone may assist in the search for and safe return of the child. The public immediately becomes the ears and eyes of law enforcement and can assist in the search for the missing child.

In the event that you see someone fitting the description of the child, adult, or vehicle from the AMBER Alert, immediately call 911. Provide authorities with as much information as possible.

The AMBER Alert cannot only help to recover a child, but it also serves as a deterrent to this type of crime.

Help in the recovery of an abducted child:
When you hear the AMBER Alert Activation, listen thoroughly to the descriptions; **you can help save a child and possibly a life.**



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