

# WHAT TO DO IF MY CHILD IS MISSING

## Immediately....

- If your child has gone missing from home—search the house looking in closets, under piles of clothes, under beds, inside vehicles and trunks, wherever a child may hide.
- If you still cannot locate your child after ten minutes of searching, call 911.
- If your child is missing in a store, notify the store manager or security. Then, immediately call 911. Many stores have a Code Adam plan—if a child is missing in the store, employees immediately mobilize to look for the child.
- When law enforcement arrives, provide them with your child's name, date of birth, height, weight, unique identifiers such as birthmarks, glasses or braces, Tell them when your child went missing, from where, and what clothing he/she was wearing. Provide them with a recent photo and an ID kit if you have it.
- Request that your child's information be entered into the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC) immediately.
- Law Enforcement may have to initiate the request to media for broadcasting the details of your child's disappearance.
- Contact the Morgan Nick Foundation—we can offer a wealth of assistance including, but not limited to: acting as a liaison with law enforcement, assisting with the media, creating and printing posters, coordinating local and national resources, and providing on-going support.
- Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1.800.THE.LOST or [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com).
- Contact TEAM HOPE (Help Offering Parents Empowerment) to talk to someone who has walked in your shoes. 1.866.305.HOPE or [www.teamhope.org](http://www.teamhope.org).
- If you believe your child may have runaway, contact the National Runaway Switchboard at 1.800.RUNAWAY or [www.1800runaway.org](http://www.1800runaway.org). Children who runaway **ARE** considered missing and can be in just as much danger as children who go missing in other ways.
- Keep your home phone staffed and keep a record of all conversations with names, dates, times, phone numbers and a few notes about the discussion.
- Take care of yourself—you need to eat, sleep, relax, exercise, take time with family and friends in order to stay strong to search for your child. Never give up hope.



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