

## What You Should Do When Your Child Is First Missing

- **Immediately** report your child as missing to your local law enforcement agency.
- **Limit** access to your home until law enforcement arrives and has collected possible evidence. Do not touch or remove anything for your child's room or from your home.
- **Ask** for the name and telephone number of the law enforcement investigator assigned to your case, and keep this information in a safe and convenient place.
- **Give** law enforcement investigators all facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of your child, including what efforts have already been made to search for your child.
- **Write** a detailed description of the clothing worn by your child and the personal items he or she had at the time of the disappearance.
- **Make** a list of friends, acquaintances and anyone else who might have information or clues about your child's whereabouts. Include telephone numbers and addresses, if possible.
- **Find** recent photographs of your child in both black and white and color.
- **Designate** one person to answer your telephone. Keep a notebook or pad of paper by the telephone so this person can jot down names, telephone numbers, dates and times of calls, and other information relating to each call.
- **Keep** a notebook or pad of paper with you at all times to write down your thoughts or questions and records important information, such as names, dates, or telephone numbers.
- **Take** good care of yourself and your family because your child needs you to be strong. As hard as it may be, force yourself to get rest, eat nourishing food, and talk to someone about your tumultuous feelings.

If you would like to become a volunteer contact your local agency.

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Criminal Records Section  
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Records  
110 S 5th Ave  
Caldwell, Idaho 83605  
208-455-3115  
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Nampa Police Department  
Records  
211 12th Ave S  
Nampa, Idaho 83651  
208-468-5678  
[www.nampapolice.org](http://www.nampapolice.org)

Parma Police Department  
305 N 3rd St  
Parma, Idaho 83660  
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Wilder Police Department  
217 3rd St  
Wilder, Idaho 83676  
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Canyon County

## C.A.R.T Child Abduction Response Team



Putting Children First



It is the Right Thing to Do....  
Children Depend on You

When your child is missing, your whole world seems to fall apart. You are bombarded by questions from friends, neighbors, the police, and media and forced to make decisions that you never thought you would have to make. You feel desperate, confused, isolated. You may feel that you have nowhere to go for help or support.

In an instant, a peaceful day can become a nightmare when a child is discovered missing. We have witnessed tragic abductions of children of all ages across America in rural byways and major cities.

Whatever the reason a child is missing, parents' lives are turned upside down, and minutes race into hours as they frantically seek their child's return to the safety of home. We know that time is of the essence in terms of finding a child.

Since 1997, the Amber Alert program has been credited with the safe recovery of approximately 502 children. To date there is a network of approximately 120 AMBER alert Plans across the country resulting in the recovery of more than 151,000 children.

In 2009, the Canyon County Sheriff's Office, Nampa Police Department, Caldwell Police Department, Wilder Police Department, Parma Police Department and the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney's Office joined together and created the Canyon County Child Abduction Response Team (CART).

It is the mission of the CART Team to provide a quick and effective response to all incidents of crimes against children. The first few hours after a child is abducted are critical, and that is why we have established the Child Abduction Response Team. The CART Team is designed to deploy trained personnel from each agency to provide on-the-ground investigative, technical, and resource assistance to Canyon County and other surrounding counties in the state of Idaho. The CART Team consists of Crimes Against Children investigators who have in-depth experience in child abduction cases.

In addition to their unique expertise, the CART Team is capable of quickly establishing an on-site command post to centralize investigative efforts and operations. Other assets they bring to the table include a mapping tool to identify and locate registered sex offenders in the area. CART Teams are primarily involved in child abductions, ransom child abductions, and mysterious disappearances of children.

Volunteers, who do not have a criminal history, play an important role in assisting law enforcement in finding missing or abducted child.

## Why the need for C.A.R.T?

- An estimated 1.3 million children are missing annually ( US)
- Stranger Abductions account for 100-200 per year
- 60-150 children are murdered each year in the course of an abduction
- Most are sexually and physically abused
- Most of the time, if the abductor intends to murder the child, this is done within the first 3 hours of the abduction
- Rapid search and rescue response is critical
- Most local jurisdictions have never had a stranger abduction case
- Most local jurisdictions do not have the needed resources

## Facts and Figures

- 58,200 children are victims of non-family abductions each year
- 100-200 of those victims are stereotypical kidnappings
- Approximately 1/2 of these victims are sexually assaulted during the commission of the crime
- 49% are murdered in less than 1 hour
- 74% are murdered within 3 hours
- 91% are murdered within 24 days
- 99% are murdered within 7 days
- Most (80%) victims were abducted within 1/4 mile of their last known location.

## Mission Statement:

Canyon County CART uses all available resources to assist the local agencies in which the abduction occurred with search and rescue of the child.



“One of the greatest challenges law enforcement faces is responding to the report of a missing child. But the activation of available officers, coordination across multiple jurisdictions, and securing of necessary expertise can often eclipse the assets of any one department,” said the IACP President Joe Estey, chief of the White River Junction, VT, Police Department.