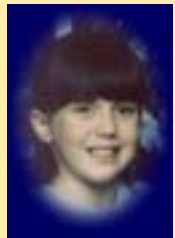


What is Amber Alert?



In 1996, nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was kidnapped and brutally murdered in Arlington, Texas. Amber's death had such a profound impact on her community that it prompted law enforcement and broadcasters to develop an innovative emergency alert plan to help recover abducted children.

Does the Amber Plan Work?

Tremendously! AMBER Plans have assisted in the recovery of abducted children on a weekly basis in the United States. Today nearly every state has a statewide child abduction alert plan, and on April 30, 2003, President George W. Bush signed a bill creating the National AMBER Alert Plan.

The AMBER Plan not only helps to recover abducted children but also acts as a deterrent to this type of crime. It sends a strong message that crimes against children are intolerable and that law enforcement, broadcasters, transportation departments and the public, working together, have the power to rescue abducted children and apprehend their predators.

Wyoming has established an Amber advisory committee to develop the state plan and maintain its effectiveness. The Amber advisory committee is composed of representatives of the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters, the Wyoming Department of Transportation, the Cheyenne office of the National Weather Service, the Wyoming Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, the Wyoming Cable TV Association, as well as the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation.

The committee establishes policy and procedures, provides training for law enforcement and broadcasters, reviews each activation to ensure adherence to policy and procedures as well as accuracy, and promotes the program to the community.

For More Information

Wyoming Attorney General's Office
Division of Criminal Investigation
(Wyoming Missing Person's Clearinghouse)
(307) 777-7181 fax: (307) 777-8900
<http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/amberalert/amberalert.html>
email: amberalert@state.wy.us

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

(800) THE-LOST (843-5678)
<http://www.missingkids.com>

Wyoming Department of Transportation-
Wyoming Highway Patrol
(307) 777-4306
<http://dot.state.wy.us>

Wyoming Association of Broadcasters
(307) 632-7622
<http://www.wyomingbroadcasting.org/>

National Weather Service, Cheyenne Forecast Office
(307) 772-2468
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/cys>

Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs
Contact your local Chief or Sheriff for further information

Wyoming Cable Television Association
(307) 637-3933

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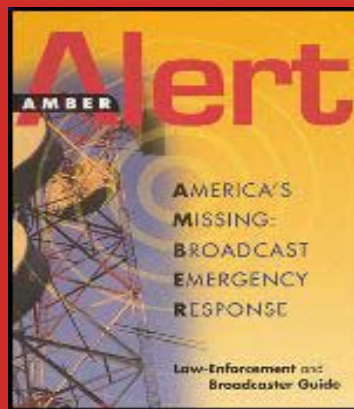
Wyoming's Child Abduction Alert System

<http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/amberalert/amberalert.html>

What is the AMBER Plan?

Wyoming's AMBER Plan– America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response –is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies and broadcasters to send out an emergency alert to the public when a child has been abducted and it is believed the child's life is in grave danger.

Under the AMBER Plan, Wyoming radio and television stations initially interrupt programming to broadcast information about the abducted child using the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The public is also notified through flyers, electronic road signs, e-mails and other means.



What You Can Do

The public plays an essential role in the success of the Amber Alert. The plan relies on citizens to help locate abducted children before it's too late.



- ✓ Tune in to your local TV and radio stations for updated information about the abducted child or suspect.
- ✓ Go to <http://attorneygeneral.state.wy.us/dci/amberalert/amberalert.html> for more information
- ✓ Be on the lookout for the child and suspect described in the alert message. The alert will include a telephone



number so you can report sightings to that number as soon as possible. Call 911 if you are unsure of the number.

If you witness a child abduction, call 911 immediately. Be sure to note important information such as the physical characteristics of the child and suspect, the make and model of any vehicles involved (including license plate numbers if possible), and the precise location of abduction.

AMBER Plan Guidelines

- The AMBER Plan is ONLY activated by law enforcement
- It is ONLY used for serious child abduction cases
- It will NOT be used for runaways or custody disputes unless the circumstances are life threatening for the child

- Sufficient information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the child, suspect(s) or the suspect's vehicle.

What happens when Wyoming's AMBER Plan is activated?

- The Emergency Alert System interrupts radio and TV programming for alerts
- Electronic highway signs post alerts and the suspect's vehicle information
- All Wyoming law enforcement agencies are notified
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is contacted.

AMBER Plan Criteria

- Law enforcement believes a child has been abducted
- The child is 17 years of age or younger
- Law enforcement believes the victim is facing imminent danger, serious bodily injury or death