

# AMBER ALERT PROTOCOL

## Wyoming Broadcasters

**STEP 1:** DCI has determined there has been a child Abduction and has issued an Amber Alert via the State Emergency Alert System (EAS).

**STEP 2:** The National Weather Service will issue an Amber Alert via CAE code over the EAS system. **This is a one time alert.**

**STEP 3:** We ask the broadcasters to follow this time frame at a minimum:

For the first:

2 hours – broadcast info every 15 minutes

For the next:

2 hours – broadcast info every :30 minutes

Finally:

1x per hour until the alert is canceled.

**NOTE: If there is any new info sent out by DCI, please start over, broadcasting every 15 minutes, with as much description as possibly available.**

This can be done by either taping the original message and playing it back, transcribing the information and having your personnel read it over the air, or followed up by your news department. Whatever method you use, it is important that the information be aired in the early hours of the abduction.

**STEP 4:** If the station gets calls to either report an abduction or to give information on an abduction, please have that person call their local police department. **NEVER SEND OUT YOUR OWN AMBER ALERT! THIS IS ONLY DONE THROUGH DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (DCI). ALSO.....IF SOMEONE CALLS AND ASKS YOU TO PUT OUT AN AMBER ALERT....SIMPLY HAVE THEM CALL 911!**

