



# State of Illinois AMBER ALERT NOTIFICATION PLAN

AMBER – America’s Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response

## The following criteria must be met to activate an AMBER Alert:

- ✓ Law enforcement must confirm a child has been abducted.
- ✓ The child must be under the age of 16 or have a proven mental or physical disability.
- ✓ Law enforcement must believe that child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
- ✓ There is enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and or suspect’s vehicle to believe an immediate alert will help.



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## Steps to be taken by law enforcement to initiate an AMBER Alert

1. Confirm that an abduction has taken place and the criteria have been met
  - Child should already be listed in LEADS/NCIC as missing
  - Local law enforcement agencies must follow intra-departmental policy regarding the actual investigation process involving any abducted/kidnapped child incident which takes place within their jurisdiction.
2. Notify the nearest Illinois State Police (ISP) district, call ISP Springfield Communication Center (SCC) at (217) 786-6677, or complete the pre-established two page facsimile packet available on the ISP website [www.isp.state.il.us](http://www.isp.state.il.us) and fax to (217) 786-7191.
  - The message must include detailed information which could be helpful to the public in identifying the child.
  - Designate contact personnel and telephone numbers for:
 

1. ISP SCC	2. Public	3. Media
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3. Disseminate necessary abduction information via a LEADS message (sent LUUU).
  - An ISPERN message should be coordinated through the ISP district of occurrence.
4. If a current photo of the child is available, forward it electronically to the ISP Clearinghouse for Missing Children Manager at [missing@isp.state.il.us](mailto:missing@isp.state.il.us)
5. Notify ISP SCC of the ISP Clearinghouse for Missing Children Manager (800-843-5763) to cancel the alert.

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### **Amber Hagerman**

In 1996, nine-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted while playing near her home in Arlington, Texas, and later found murdered. In response to community concern, the Texas Association of Radio Managers, with assistance of Texas’ local area law enforcement, created the first AMBER Plan. Forty-six states now have similar plans.