



A Child ID Kit enables parents to provide immediate and essential information for the search, recovery and rescue of a missing child. Keeping accurate, complete and up-to-date records of your child is critical when supplying information to law enforcement for investigation. Your child's ID Kit should include:

- Your **child's complete name** and any **nicknames**
- **Physical information:** age, height, weight, gender, hair color& length, eye color, etc....
- **Other identifiable information:** location of scars, birthmarks, glasses, braces, bruises, broken bones, tattoos, etc...
- **Medical history** including any medicine that may be needed
- **Recent pictures:** Be sure to keep updated color photos of your child. The most useful photos are clear candid photos, front and side views, updated yearly.
- A list of your child's **friends, teachers, bus drivers, babysitters** and their phone numbers.
- Your child's **hobbies and hangouts.**
- Your child's **email addresses and web sites** (i.e.: his/her MySpace or Facebook accounts, etc...

Additionally, MNF recommends securing the following forensic indicators for effective search, recovery and rescue:

- **Secure and store Fingerprints.** Fingerprints can be recorded on a standard fingerprint card with ink or through state of the art digital technology. MNF advises all parents to secure a copy of your child's fingerprints and further recommends that the prints be taken by a certified fingerprint technician for the most reliable results.
- **Secure and store a Scent Article.** Have your child remove a piece of clothing that he or she has been wearing all day (a sock provides an excellent sample) and have the **child** place it in an envelope. **Do not** allow anyone but the child who wore the article of clothing to touch it or the envelope. Store the envelope in a safe deposit box or temperature controlled container. Scent Article stored in this manner should last indefinitely.
- **Secure and store a DNA sample.** (1) Blood Drops can be collected using sterile cotton or wait until your child gets a cup or scrape. Collect the blood sample on a band-aid. Completely dry before storing; (2) Baby teeth; or (3) Hair with root. Wrap each sample separately in dry paper. Place sample in separate paper envelope (never use plastic). The envelope should be sealed with tape covering each seam. Place initials of collector and sample date on the envelope touching both the tape and the envelope using permanent ink. Each envelope should clearly indicate the child's name, the name of the person who collected the sample, and the date the sample was collected. Store in a safe deposit box or temperature controlled container. DNA samples stored in this manner should last indefinitely.

For more information about DNA kits, please call the Morgan Nick Foundation toll free at 1-877-543-HOPE.