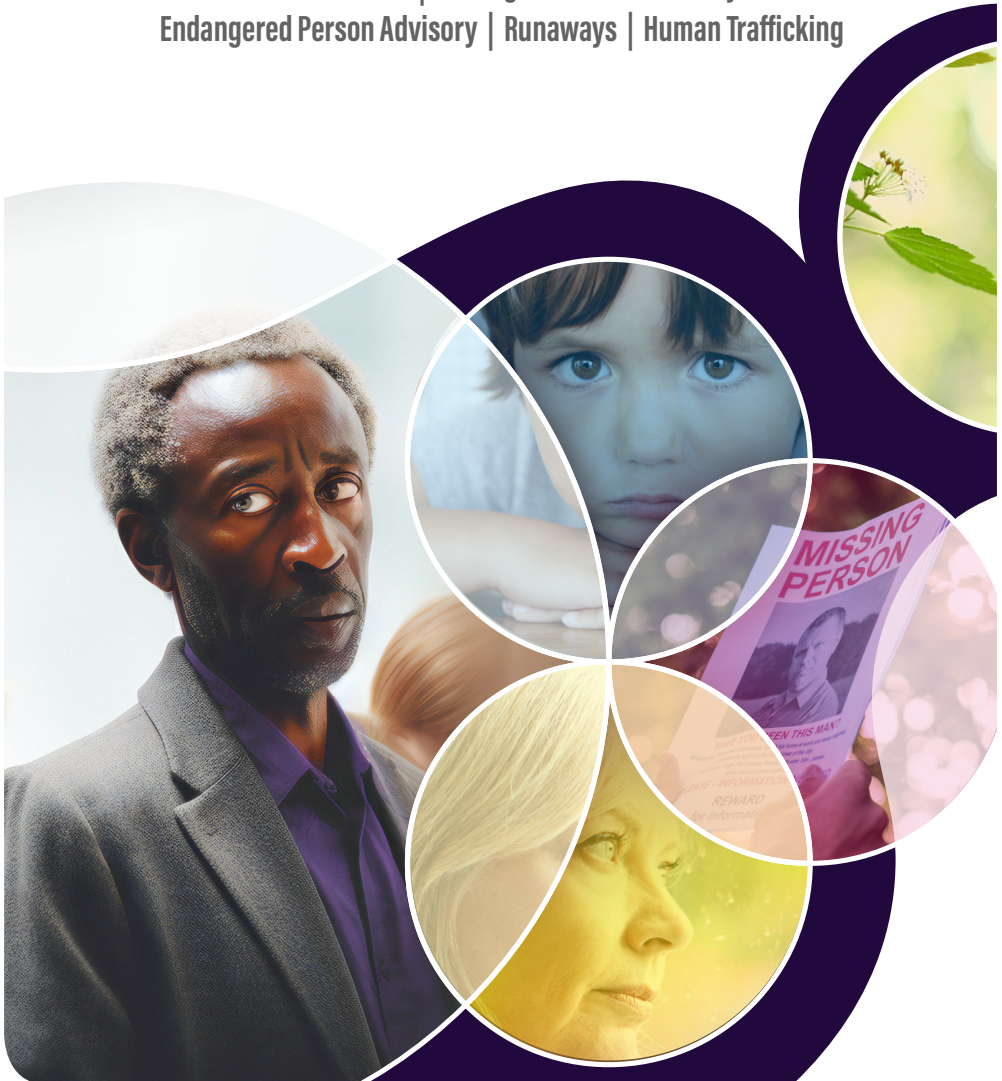




MISSING PERSONS CLEARINGHOUSE

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MISSING PERSON

A missing person is one who has disappeared and whose status (alive or dead) cannot be confirmed. A person may go missing through a voluntary disappearance or due to an accident, crime, death in a location where they cannot be found, or other reason.

Missouri law designates the Missouri State Highway Patrol as the central repository for missing persons records and information. Any parent, guardian, or legal custodian may submit a missing person report to the local law enforcement agency in the area where the person went missing and whose whereabouts are unknown, regardless of the circumstances. If the report meets the required criteria, the local law enforcement agency will communicate this information to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for an alert to be issued.

There is no longer a wait time to report a missing person. Per Section 43.401 RSMo, the Highway Patrol or any other law enforcement agency in the state that receives a missing person report is required to place the report into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer networks as well as report all missing juveniles to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NMEC).



AMBER ALERT CRITERIA

For an AMBER Alert to be forwarded for dissemination via the Alert Missouri program, the following criteria must be met:

1. Law enforcement officials have a reasonable belief that an abduction meeting the definition in Sections 565.110 or 565.115 RSMo has occurred.
2. Law enforcement officials believe there is a credible threat of serious bodily injury or death to the victim.
3. Enough descriptive information exists about the victim and the abductor for law enforcement to issue an AMBER Alert.
4. The victim of the abduction is 17 years of age or younger.
5. The child's name and other critical data elements, including the child abduction (CA) flag, have been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

AMBER Alerts are issued by Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F in cooperation with local law enforcement and the media only in circumstances meeting the state AMBER Alert criteria.

MISSOURI'S ACTIVE ALERTS WEBSITE

Please visit www.MOAlerts.mo.gov to view any active AMBER Alerts in the state of Missouri. You can also sign up to receive notification of an activation of an AMBER Alert via email on this website. Click on "Subscribe to MO Alerts," enter your email address, and click "Subscribe."

ENDANGERED SILVER ADVISORY CRITERIA

The Endangered SILVER Advisory is initiated solely by Missouri law enforcement agencies using the following criteria:

- The person is 60 years of age or older and believed to be suffering from dementia or other cognitive impairment.
- A legal custodian of the missing person has submitted a missing person's report to the local law enforcement agency where the person went missing.
- There is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the missing adult.



ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY CRITERIA

The Endangered Person Advisory is initiated solely by Missouri law enforcement agencies using the following criteria:

1. Do the circumstances fail to meet the criteria for an AMBER Alert?
2. Is the person missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances?
3. Is the person believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, environment or weather conditions, in the company of a potentially dangerous person or some other factor that may put the person in peril?
4. Is there information that could assist the public in the safe recovery of the person?

Find out more information about the AMBER Alert, Endangered Silver Advisory, & Endangered Person Advisory at <http://www.statepatrol.dps.mo.gov> under services.

RUNAWAYS

Juveniles reported missing more than three times are known as runaways, meaning they are running away from or toward something.

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children definition of Endangered Runaway: A child under 18, missing on his/her own accord, and whose whereabouts are unknown to their parent/legal guardian. They are highly vulnerable and can experience homelessness when missing.

According to a recent report from Chapin Hall, 1 in 30 adolescent minors ages 13 to 17 endures some form of homelessness in a year.

Of the nearly 25,000 missing children reported to NCMEC who had run away in 2022, one in six were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

Missing persons alerts and advisory totals for Missouri in 2022 (includes Amber alerts, Endangered, and Endangered Silver alerts):

Requested: 288

Issued: 218

Located: 252 (includes located safe, deceased, and out-of-state)



Of the nearly 25,000 missing children reported to NCMEC in 2022, 1 in 6 were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

The following factors may put youth at an increased risk of running away or becoming homeless:

- Physical/sexual abuse
- Family conflict
- Lack of acceptance of gender identity or sexual orientation
- Struggling to manage mental health
- Substance abuse
- Medical issue/developmental/physical disability
- Pregnancy
- Online enticement
- To be with a friend, romantic partner, or biological family
- Gang activity
- Child sex trafficking
- Social rejection/bullying

87% of NCMEC missing children's cases had at least one reported risk factor and 62% had two or more risk factors.

MISSING PERSONS & HUMAN TRAFFICKING ANALYTIC SERVICES

Through the Missing Persons Unit, information is compiled, exchanged, and disseminated with the goal of helping to locate missing individuals, including those who are victims of human trafficking. The employees serving in this unit provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies. In addition to providing this assistance, the Missing Persons Unit also hosts public safety programs and law enforcement training, and provides statistical analysis as requested.

HOW CAN THE MISSING PERSONS UNIT HELP YOU?

ANALYTIC SERVICES

The criminal intelligence analysts have access to databases with the following information:

- Last known address and phone numbers
- Phone subscriber and carrier
- MULES/NCIC offline searches
- Non-routine Department of Revenue searches
- License Plate Reader (LPR) inquiries/alerts
- Deconflictions (subject, address, phone number, vehicle, weapon, business)
- Missouri Secretary of State filings
- Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)
- Facial recognition
- Open source and social media searching
- Ability to search escort ads by phone number, email, photo, keyword, geographical area, and social media handle

LONG-TERM ANALYTIC SUPPORT:

- Prepare timelines and association charts
- Analyze call detail records
- Produce cell phone mapping
- Analyze and parse cell phone data
- Provide social media search warrant returns

HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATIONS

An agency can request the Missouri Information Analysis Center human trafficking and missing person analysts to assist with operations. MIAC analysts can provide analytic assistance (such as identifying potential targets) using numerous systems. The analysts can deploy to the operation location. Analysts have previously assisted with “John” and victim-centered operations with success.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

The Missouri Information Analysis Center receives reports on missing juveniles from NCMEC. These reports are then analyzed and when possible, a criminal intelligence analyst finds additional information before sending the report to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

If unidentified remains have been located and a National Missing and Unidentified Persons (NamUs) and NCIC entry has been made, the MIAC missing person or human trafficking analyst can post the information to the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Unidentified Remains website. Agencies may request flyers be created, which are then disseminated statewide or nationwide.

INTELLIGENCE AND DATA

MIAC requests that any agency that takes a report of an attempted abduction or human trafficking incident, or that encounters tattoos related to human trafficking, email the information to the MIAC Missing Persons Unit for intelligence purposes. Tips received regarding missing persons will be vetted and forwarded to the investigating agency.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ASSISTANCE

Upon request, MIAC can obtain information from DOC regarding:

- Inmate call records and emails
- Financial records
- Probation & Parole records
- Incarceration history
- Tattoo inquiry
- Victim information

PHOTOS AND FLYERS

To create flyers for the missing persons and MIAC websites, the Missing Persons Clearinghouse will request a photo of a missing person from the entering agency if a photo is not attached to the NCIC entry or if a driver's license photo is not available. Any flyer created can be disseminated to another state at the request of the entering agency.

JUVENILE RUN HISTORY REPORT

Upon request, the MIAC can provide an agency with a report that details the number of times a juvenile has gone missing in the last 12 months. The report can be filtered by agency or county.

MISSING PERSONS CLEARINGHOUSE

The Missing Persons Clearinghouse falls under the Missouri Information and Analysis Center. The clearinghouse assists by providing information from a variety of state and national resources that could help locate a missing subject.

Missing Persons Clearinghouse, MIAC
PO Box 568 ▪ Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 526-6178 ▪ missingpersons@mshp.dps.mo.gov

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- A Child Is Missing will contact residents and businesses in the area where the person was last seen by using an automated telephone system. The service is free and can be used for a missing child, or elderly or disabled person. Call toll-free (888) 875-ACIM (888-875-2246).
- Team Adam provides experienced child abduction investigators, technical assistance, and equipment at no cost to agencies during investigations involving missing, abducted, or exploited children. Call toll-free (800) THE-LOST (800-843-5678). There are 5 Team Adam consultants located in Missouri: Four in the St. Louis area, and one in the Kansas City area.
- Project Alert provides retired federal, state, and other local law enforcement officers who volunteer their time and expertise as unpaid consultants during investigations of missing, abducted, or exploited children. All travel arrangements and costs are paid for by NCMEC. Call toll-free (800) THE-LOST (800-843-5678).
- The Missouri State Highway Patrol's local troop headquarters have additional resources, including a local public information and education officer.
- The Missouri State Highway Patrol Public Information and Education Division can provide assistance (573) 526-6115.



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