



Minnesota AMBER Alert Plan

Criteria

1. Law enforcement officials have a reasonable belief that an abduction has occurred.
2. Law enforcement officials believe that the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death.
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 a child age 17 years or younger.
5. The child's name and other critical data elements have been entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) system.

Request for an AMBER Alert Activation

- If local law enforcement agencies confirm a child abduction meets all AMBER Alert criteria, they should gather as much information as possible and contact the MN Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), 24-hour Operations Center at 651-793-7000.
 - When and where the child was abducted
 - A description of the child
 - A description of the abductor and/or vehicle
 - Photos of the child and abductor, if available
- A BCA Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) will verify that an AMBER Alert is warranted and work with the requesting law enforcement agency to prepare a notification for public dissemination.
 - If the child abduction meets the AMBER Alert criteria, the BCA will move forward with an AMBER Alert activation.
 - If the child abduction does not meet the criteria at the time of request, the BCA can activate the secondary alerting system and issue a Missing Person Alert.
- If the AMBER Alert is met, the BCA will work to activate the AMBER Alert.
 - AMBER Alert form completed and sent through the MN Crime Alert Network
 - Issue an EAS message through IPAWS
 - Issue a WEA, sent via NCMEC
 - Notify MN Department of Transportation for road signs
 - NCIC AMBER Alert message
 - DPS and BCA Websites/Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
 - Notify all secondary partners