



## About Us

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's® (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

Headquartered outside the nation's capital in Alexandria, Virginia, NCMEC was created in 1984 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to provide services for families and professionals in the prevention of abducted, endangered, and sexually exploited children. NCMEC is mandated by Congress and works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

NCMEC has assisted law enforcement personnel with 144,760 missing child cases, resulting in the recovery of 128,757; trained 244,631 law enforcement and other professionals, handled more than 600,868 reports of child sexual exploitation through our CyberTipline, printed 44,189,879 copies of issue-related publications; and handled 2,306,353 telephone calls through its national toll-free Hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678). NCMEC's Web site, [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com), reaches a global audience with a multilingual database of images and information on missing children, prevention tips, and free resources.

NCMEC is unique. It is the only child protection nonprofit organization provided access to the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person, Wanted Person, and Unidentified Person Files; the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS); and the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS). It is the only organization operating a 24-hour, toll-free Hotline for the recovery of missing children in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Justice. NCMEC is also the only private, non-profit organization that combines these and many other resources to provide an unmatched level of support – backed by more than 24 years of experience handling missing children cases -- to law enforcement, state clearinghouses, and parents seeking the recovery of abducted children, both domestically and internationally. NCMEC's unparalleled experience in child abduction cases includes over 12 years of handling, on behalf of the U.S. State Department, applications seeking return of or access to children abducted to the U.S. under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (from 1995 to April of 2008). Also, NCMEC is the only organization operating a 24-hour child pornography tipline ([www.CyberTipline.com](http://www.CyberTipline.com)) in cooperation with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

### SERVICES TO ASSIST IN MISSING CHILDREN CASES

Case Analysis and Support Division  
Forensic Imaging Unit  
Infant Abduction Prevention  
International Division  
LOCATER (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource)

Missing Children's Division  
Photo Distribution  
Project Alert  
Team Adam

### SERVICES TO ASSIST IN CASES OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP)  
CyberTipline  
Exploited Child Division  
Family Advocacy Division

Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center  
NetSmartz Workshop  
Sex Offender Tracking Team

