

Emergency MISSING PERSONS ALERTS

The statewide emergency alert program (O.R.C. Section 5502.522) has **FIVE** emergency missing persons alerts:

- **Blue Alert**
- **Endangered Missing Adult Alert**
- **AMBER Alert**
- **Endangered Missing Child Alert**
- **Joshua Alert**

The local investigating law enforcement agency must satisfy the activation criteria for each alert.

ACTIVATION CRITERIA



BLUE ALERT

LEADS/NCIC Code: COP

OSHP Communications Center:
(614) 466-2660

Suspects in Law Enforcement Disappearance, Injury or Death

- Officer was seriously injured or killed, OR officer disappeared and faces credible threat of immediate danger
- Suspect has not been apprehended
- Information given sufficiently describes suspect and circumstances of officer's disappearance/injury/death



ENDANGERED MISSING ADULT ALERT

LEADS/NCIC Code: SA

BCI Missing Persons Unit: (800) 325-5604

Missing Adults

- Individual is missing
- Individual is 65 years of age or older, has a mental impairment, or has a developmental disability
- Individual faces credible threat of immediate danger
- Information given sufficiently describes individual and disappearance circumstances



ENDANGERED MISSING CHILD ALERT

LEADS/NCIC Code: JA
BCI Missing Persons Unit:
(800) 325-5604

Missing Minors

- Minor is missing
- Minor faces credible threat of immediate danger
- Information given sufficiently describes minor and disappearance circumstances



AMBER ALERT

LEADS/NCIC Code: AA
OSHP Communications
Center: (614) 466-2660

Abducted Minors

- Minor was abducted*
- Minor faces credible threat of immediate danger
- Information given sufficiently describes minor, suspect, and abduction circumstances

**Excludes child custody dispute abductions UNLESS child faces credible threat of immediate danger*



JOSHUA ALERT

LEADS/NCIC Code: JA
BCI Missing Persons
Unit: (800) 325-5604

Missing Minors with Disabilities

- Minor is missing
- Minor has a developmental disability
- Minor faces credible threat of immediate danger
- Information given sufficiently describes minor and disappearance circumstances

REQUIRES notifying statewide emergency alert program upon receipt of information meeting activation criteria.

Credible threat of immediate danger: missing individual is nonverbal, has limited communication ability, or otherwise lacks the capacity to seek help or ensure the missing individual's own safety.

"Missing" could mean: Lost or whereabouts unknown; Custody offense interference; Non-witnessed or non-confirmed abduction

For more information, go to
[www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/
MissingPersons](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/MissingPersons)



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