

Child ID/DNA Kit

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:



Personal/Medical Information

- Child's complete name and any nicknames
- Identifying information: age, height, weight, gender, ethnicity, hair color and length, eye color
- Physical characteristics: scars, birthmarks, glasses, braces
- Medical history: medicine that may be needed, blood type, other diseases or illnesses

Photographs

- Facing forward, from chest up, picture of child not smiling. If child wears glasses, take one with and without glasses.
- Profile, shoulders up, picture of child not smiling. For long hair place behind ear.
- If the child has a visible birthmark or scar on face, arms or legs, take a close up.
- Remember to have photographs of your children taken three to four times a year.

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.

DNA samples

- Saliva swab
 - Wear gloves. Remove two swabs from an unopened package. Do not use swabs that have a plastic grip.
 - To obtain DNA from saliva on the inside of your child's cheek, rub the swab on the inside of the cheek 5-10 times. Let each swab air dry for approximately 2 hours on clean, dry paper. *Do not* touch the swab tip during the process.
 - Place the DNA swabs in separate paper envelopes (never use plastic). The envelopes should be sealed with tape covering each seam.
 - 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 written in permanent ink. Store in a safe deposit box or temperature controlled container.
- Hair with root
 - Wear gloves. Do not cut hair. If hair is removed from scalp, be sure root is pulled. Strands can also be taken from a hairbrush only the child has used.
 - Obtain at least two samples (2-3 strands per sample is sufficient) and wrap them separately in dry paper. Place samples in separate paper envelopes (never use plastic). The envelopes should be sealed with tape covering each seam.
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