If your child is missing from home, search:
» closets
» piles of laundry
» in and under beds
» inside large appliances
» vehicles—including trunks
» anywhere else that a child may crawl or hide

If your child is missing in a public place such as a store contact the manager. Many stores have a plan of action.

Immediately call your local law-enforcement agency and provide them with your up-to-date Child ID Kit.

After you have reported your child missing to law enforcement, call the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® at 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678). If your computer is equipped with a microphone and speakers, you may talk to one of our Hotline operators via: www.missingkids.org

When recovering a missing child, the most important tools for law enforcement are an up-to-date, quality photograph and descriptive information. Complete this Child ID Kit by attaching a recent photograph of your child and listing all identifying and medical information. Update the photograph and information every 6 months. Keep the Kit in a secure, accessible location.