SUFFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY CHILD INFORMATION PACKET



Child's Name

Why have this Information Packet?

In the event of an emergency, you will be better prepared if you have carefully completed this packet. Having your child/ren's information ready and available for police officials will eliminate the need for many questions and help save valuable time in starting the investigation.

Included in this packet are the following:

Photo ID: The packet includes spaces to keep your child/ren's most recent and past identifying photographs.

Child/ren's Descriptions: The packet has pages to fill out with the most up to date emergency identification information for your child/ren.

DNA Identification: The packet includes a space for your child/ren's hair to be attached for DNA identification purposes.

Fingerprint Identification: The packet includes information on why you should get your child/ren fingerprinted and how to do so.

Child Personal Information Sheet

The value of ready information means the difference of having the investigator standing still and taking the information down compared to having the necessary information handed to him/her so he/she can start the investigation immediately. By just filling out the personal information you are creating a tremendous time saving tool.

Below are some helpful hints to filling out the Information Sheet

- Complete all fields carefully and completely, it will only take a few minutes to do.
- Update child/ren's personal information every time the photo is updated.
- Along with information asked for on the information sheet, you should also know where your child/ren's medical and dental records are located.
- Keep this completed packet in a safe but easily accessible place.
- If there is any additional information that you feel would be important to an investigation we encourage that you include the information on the back side of this sheet.
- By completing the Child Personal Information Page you are now taking anther step in the protection of your child/ren.

CHILD'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

[Please make a copy of this sheet before filling it out to allow for future updates.]

Full Name			
Age			
Address[s]			
City			
State			
Birth date			
Birthplace [City, State]			
Race			
Hair Color	Eye Color		
Blood Type	_		
Social Security Number			
Identifying Features/Marks	5		
Mother's Name			
Father's Name			
Child's Nicknames			
Chronic Illness [Asthma, Diab			
Current Medications			
Allergies [Food, Medicines]			
Emergency Contact [Name]_			
Address			
Doctor [Name]		Phone	
Dentist [Name]		Phone	

Photo Information Sheet

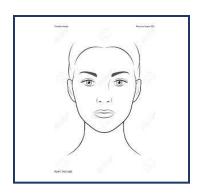
As law enforcement officers, we know that pictures are truly worth a thousand words. Photographs are very important in bringing children home!

A recent picture of your child/ren's facial characteristics is the best pose. A photo of your child/ren should be UPDATED EVERY FOUR TO SIX MONTHS and placed in this packet along with their updated height and weight records.

The picture can be any size but must have certain poses for viewing purposes. The picture must have a clear crisp shot of your child/ren's facial features. It is recommended that you take the picture with a 35mm camera for the best quality picture. Cellphone or digital cameras are acceptable only if there is no distortions with the image. Also, cellphone or digital pictures must be printed, as well as, on a disk. The two images below are acceptable poses for identification purposes. Be sure to include clothed full body poses in your pictures as well.



Head and Shoulder



Head Shot

DNA Identification

To collect a hair sample simply brush or comb your child's hair and use the remaining hair from the brush/comb. The root of the hair contains the DNA information. The hair sample MUST contain the root or follicle of the hair. After the hair has been collected, place the sample in a plain white piece of paper and then put it in a plastic baggie and tape it to the space below.

Attach Hair Sample Here	Name
	Date Collected

Fingerprint Identification

Fingerprint Identification is a very useful tool in the identification of your child/ren. A good fingerprint can be taken of your child/ren beginning at the age of ten. Prior to the age of ten, children may have stitches, their fingers may be wet from finger sucking, or print lines may not be fully developed. In order to get fingerprints taken, call either your local police department, or your local state police troop to schedule a time. Good fingerprints of your child/ren only need to be taken once, but they must be taken and stored correctly in order to be useful for identification purposes.

PHONE NUMBERS

[Relatives, Friends, School Friends, Neighbors, Etc.]

Name		 	
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Name			
Name			
			

EIGHT RULES FOR SAFETY

- 1) Before I go anywhere, I always check first with my parents.
- 2) I first check for my parent's permission before getting into a car, or leave with anyone.
- 3) It's safer for me to be with other people. I always use the 'buddy system'.
- 4) I say "No" if someone tries to touch me in ways that make me feel frightened, uncomfortable, or confused.
- 5) I know it is not my fault if someone touches me in a way that is not OKAY. I don't have to keep secrets about those touches.
- 6) I trust my feelings and talk to grown-ups about my problems.

 I am not alone.
- 7) It's never too late to ask for help.
- 8) I am a special person and I deserve to feel safe.