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PUBLIC SAFETY
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**11 CSR 30-10.010 Definitions for the
Amber Alert**

PURPOSE: This rule defines terms used in the rules for activating an Amber Alert.

(1) Abducted child—a child age seventeen (17) or under whose whereabouts are unknown and who has been determined by local law enforcement to be:

(A) The victim of the crime of kidnapping as defined by section 565.110, RSMo, as determined by local law enforcement; or

(B) The victim of the crime of child kidnapping as defined by section 565.115, RSMo, the statutory age limit notwithstanding.

(2) Reporting agency—the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction where the child is abducted.

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11 CSR 30-10.020 Law Enforcement Agency Procedures for Activating an Amber Alert

PURPOSE: This rule establishes guidelines for determining when an Amber Alert should be activated and the procedure for activating the alert.

(1) In the event of a missing child, the reporting agency must first determine that the following criteria are met:

(A) The missing child qualifies as an “abducted child,” as defined in 11 CSR 30-10.010;

(B) The child is in the custody of someone other than a parent, guardian, or other official custodial entity, or sufficient evidence exists to indicate that harm may come to a child from a parent, guardian, or other official custodial entity;

(C) Sufficient descriptive information exists to enhance the possibility of recovery, such as—

1. The time and location of the incident;
2. A physical description of the abducted child and his or her clothing, if known;

3. A physical description and identity, if known, of the abductor and whether or not the abductor is armed; and

4. A vehicle description and direction of travel.

(2) The reporting agency must take a complete report and validate the information.

(3) The reporting agency shall next—

(A) Issue a local Amber Alert if the local agency has its own Amber Alert plan;

(B) If there is no local Amber Alert plan or if the alert should be expanded beyond the local plan, the agency should complete a Missouri Amber Alert Abduction Form and fax the form to Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) Communications Division; and

(C) Enter the incident into the Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System and the National Crime Information Center database.

(4) Upon receipt of the Amber Alert Abduction Form, MSHP Communications Division personnel shall contact the reporting agency to confirm the validity of the alert.

(5) After receiving confirmation, MSHP Communications Division will then disseminate the alert.

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