

WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE MISSING ADULT ALERT PROGRAM?

- Governor Ted Strickland
- Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Ohio Attorney General's Office – Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
- Ohio Attorney General's Office – Missing Children Clearinghouse
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Association of Broadcasters
- Buckeye State Sheriff's Association
- Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police
- Federal Bureau of Investigation

CONTACTS

Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation –
(740) 845-2224

Ohio Missing Children Clearinghouse - (614) 728-5431

Ohio State Highway Patrol – (614) 466-2660

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Ohio's Missing Adult Alert

An alert system to quickly notify the public and media outlets about missing adults, age 65 or older, or those with mental impairments

ONLY a law enforcement agency can request a Missing Adult Alert

ONLY the Ohio Attorney General's Office or Ohio State Highway Patrol can activate the Missing Adult Alert

When a Missing Adult Alert is issued, call 1-866-693-9171 to listen to alert details or to provide information to the law enforcement agency issuing the alert

Call 9-1-1 to report sightings of the missing adult

What is a MISSING ADULT ALERT?

The Missing Adult Alert is designed to notify the public and media outlets about missing adults. System use is designated for missing adults age 65 or older, or adults age 18 or older with a mental impairment, that meet specific criteria related to the circumstances surrounding their disappearance.

MISSING ADULT ALERT CRITERIA:

- Local investigating law enforcement agency confirms the individual is missing.
- The individual is 65 years of age or older, or has a mental impairment.
- The disappearance of the individual poses a credible threat of immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death to the individual.
- There is sufficient descriptive information about the individual and the circumstances surrounding the individual's disappearance to indicate that activation of the alert will help locate the individual.

BACKGROUND:

The Missing Adult Alert was developed in response to several incidents across the country, and in Ohio, involving older adults or adults with mental impairments that became missing. Although local agencies and media outlets have typically worked together in these incidents, there was no coordinated effort or resource center to ensure a widespread alert was issued to garner the public's assistance in the search.

The new Missing Adult Alert, patterned after portions of the AMBER Alert and Missing Child Alert, is designed to coordinate and distribute the information to the media and public in a timely manner.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN ALERT?

When a local law enforcement agency responds to a missing person call and learns the missing person fits into the criteria for a Missing Adult Alert, they have the option to request the alert to assist in finding the victim. The missing person is entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). When the local law enforcement agency makes this entry with a special code, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I) and Missing Children's Clearinghouse, as well as the Ohio State Highway Patrol are notified. The agency may also call BCI&I to request an alert if they cannot make the NCIC entry in a timely manner.

The following actions take place when a Missing Adult Alert is activated:

- A blast e-mail and fax message is sent throughout the state to media outlets.
- The information is posted on electronic billboards and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) signboards in the local area of the alert.
- A law enforcement radio broadcast and computer message is sent to all law enforcement agencies in the state.
- A toll free telephone line for tips and information is activated – 1-866-693-9171
- A Truckers Alert system is activated.
- The Ohio Lottery will post the information on their lottery terminals.
- Special law enforcement response teams and programs are offered to assist in the search for the missing person.