

- Once the above steps have been completed, the local law enforcement agency may request a State Silver Alert by calling the FDLE Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) at 1-888-356-4774.
- The FDLE will ensure that the information is broadcast through dynamic highway message signs and via email through the Department of Elder Affairs listserv and other resources.

**Note: Only law enforcement agencies can request activation of a State Silver Alert.**



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### FLORIDA'S



**Amber Alert**



**Missing Child Alert**



**Silver Alert**

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is responsible for the activation of three different missing alerts throughout Florida. Analysts are available 24 hours a day to activate alerts that meet the following criteria. Alerts can ONLY be issued at the request of a law enforcement agency.



## Florida's Amber Alert

To activate an AMBER alert, the following five (5) criteria must be met:

- The child must be under 18 years of age.
- There must be a clear indication of an abduction.
- The law enforcement agency's preliminary investigation must conclude that the child's life is in danger.
- There must be a detailed description of the child, the abductor, and/or a vehicle to broadcast to the public.
- The activation must be recommended by the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction.

### Activation Process:

- The local law enforcement agency will call the FDLE Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) at 1-888-356-4774.
- The FDLE will work in conjunction with the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction to determine if information is to be broadcast on a regional or statewide basis.
- The FDLE, working in conjunction with the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction, will prepare information for public distribution.
- The FDLE will ensure that the information is broadcast through the Emergency Alert System, dynamic highway message signs, lottery machines, text message and email through [www.missingchildrenalert.com](http://www.missingchildrenalert.com) and other resources.

**Note: Only law enforcement agencies can request activation of an AMBER Alert.**

## Florida's Missing Child Alert

To activate a Missing Child Alert, the following four (4) criteria must be met:

- The child must be under 18 years of age.
- The law enforcement agency's preliminary investigation must conclude that the child's life is in danger.
- Descriptive information and a photograph of the child must be available.
- The agency of jurisdiction must approve the issuance of the Missing Child Alert.

### Activation Process:

- The local law enforcement agency will contact the FDLE Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) at 1-888-356-4774.
- The FDLE, working in conjunction with the local law enforcement agency of jurisdiction, will prepare information for public distribution.
- The FDLE will ensure that the information is distributed to the media as well as to the public via text message and email through [www.missingchildrenalert.com](http://www.missingchildrenalert.com) and other resources.

**Note: Only law enforcement agencies can request activation of a Missing Child Alert.**

## Florida's Silver Alert

A law enforcement agency will take a report and may issue and determine if a Silver Alert is appropriate.

If the agency determines that the case meets the criteria for a State Silver Alert, they will contact the FDLE Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse.

### Local Silver Alert Criteria Recommendations (Missing on foot)

Although each agency may have their own criteria for activation of a Local Silver Alert for those individuals who are missing on foot, the Florida Silver Alert Support Committee recommends that agencies use the below criteria as a guideline when issuing a Local Silver Alert:

- The person is 60 years and older; or,
- The person is 18-59 and law enforcement has determined the missing person lacks the capacity to consent and that a Local Silver Alert may be the only possible way to rescue the missing person.
- The person has an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties (e.g. Alzheimer's disease or dementia) that has been verified by law enforcement.



## Florida State Silver Alert (missing in vehicle)

For persons with dementia who go missing in a vehicle with an identified tag, a State Silver Alert may be issued.

### State Silver Alert Criteria

- The person must be 60 years and older; or,
- The person must be 18-59 and law enforcement has determined the missing person lacks the capacity to consent and that the use of dynamic message signs may be the only possible way to rescue the missing person.
- The person must be traveling by motor vehicle with an identified license plate number or other vehicle information that has been verified by law enforcement.
- The person must have an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties (e.g. Alzheimer's disease or dementia) that has been verified by law enforcement. (See Verification Questions).

## Verification Questions For Diminished Capacity In Missing Adults Without Diagnosis

1. Is there a family history of dementia/Alzheimer's?
2. Has the individual ever suffered a head injury or illness that would impact memory and cognition?
3. Have you noticed a significant deterioration of memory or has a doctor prescribed any medication for memory loss or early onset dementia or Alzheimer's?
4. Is he/she having problems making decisions and conducting daily life affairs, such as managing money or keeping track of appointments?
5. Has the individual left the residence before without telling anyone?

### State Silver Alert Activation Steps

- The local law enforcement agency must enter the missing person into FCIC/NCIC.
- The local law enforcement agency must notify media outlets in their area and/or surrounding jurisdictions.