



Parental Abduction: Red Flags

MOST ABDUCTED CHILDREN ARE TAKEN BY SOMEONE THEY KNOW, LOVE & TRUST - THEIR PARENTS, WHO ARE USUALLY INVOLVED IN ADVERSARIAL DIVORCES, VISITATION/CUSTODY BATTLES & CHILD SUPPORT DISPUTES.

If a parent has made a direct threat of abduction, or your child has disclosed information that leads you to believe the other parent is planning to abduct, the following are considered to be higher risk scenarios:

1. The other parent has citizenship of another country, or dual citizenship.
2. The parent has lost a job and has no clear prospects for employment.
3. The parent does not own a home.
4. The parent has the ability to work from any location.
5. The parent or his/her family owns land or a home in another state or country.
6. The parent receives unqualified financial and emotional support from their extended family.
7. The parent is experiencing or believes there is a lack of support from services and the courts.
8. The parent has significantly contrary views on gender roles and / or childrearing – often owing to cultural or religious differences.
9. The parent is diagnosed or diagnosable (e.g. as sociopathic, paranoid, or delusional).
10. The parent was abusive in the relationship and expresses anger at the loss of power / control over the other parent or the child.
11. The parent has recently liquidated assets or borrowed or accessed a large sum of money.
12. The parent is in a new relationship / has a new spouse with reason to relocate (for employment, military, extended family, etc.).
13. The parent has little or no meaningful connection to the current location.



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Keep Vital Information About Your Child

Information To Keep In This ChildFinder DocuPak

PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD. A quality head-and-shoulder photo in an appropriate size for recording your child. Update your child's photo annually.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE. Obtain from the State or from Child when your child was born or from Division of Vital Statistics in your State.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD. Keep a wallet size card with you. Also have form of identification for the child. Parent must also provide some form of identification.

LEGAL CUSTODY. If divorced or separated, keep a copy of your custody decree.

PASSPORT. Parents should contact Passport Office that the child may have both parents in a custody dispute. Obtain the Passport Office's approval.

MEDICAL & DENTAL RECORDS. Keep when your child's medical records are up to date. Also include dental records and take them with you.

FINGERPRINT CARD. Fingerprinting does not protect your child, but may be used for identification when a child is found. Fingerprinting should be done professionally by your police department.

Local Police/Phone

If your child is missing, call your local police immediately. Present this ChildFinder DocuPak and documents to the police. They will use it for identification of your child when you call information to law enforcement agencies appropriate. Register with Child Find of America, Inc. at 1-800-1-AM-LOST.

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