

(B) "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, OR A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

(C) "MISSING CHILD" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS:

(1) UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS; AND

(2) THE SUBJECT OF A MISSING PERSONS REPORT FILED WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THIS STATE AND WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

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(A) ON RECEIPT OF A REPORT REGARDING A MISSING CHILD BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE IF:

(1) THE MISSING CHILD HAS NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A PRIOR MISSING PERSONS REPORT;

(2) THE MISSING CHILD SUFFERS FROM A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL HANDICAP OR ILLNESS;

(3) THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE MISSING CHILD IS OF A SUSPICIOUS OR DANGEROUS NATURE;

(4) THE PERSON FILING THE REPORT OF A MISSING CHILD HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE MISSING CHILD MAY HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED;

(5) THE MISSING CHILD HAS EVER PREVIOUSLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION-~~CONDUCTED UNDER ARTICLE 27, SECTION 35A,~~ AND REPORT FILED WITH THE STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR

(6) THE MISSING CHILD IS UNDER ~~12~~ 14 YEARS OF AGE.

(B) UPON CONCLUSION BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT ANY ONE OF THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION EXISTS, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL IMMEDIATELY:

(1) ENTER ALL NECESSARY AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION INTO THE MARYLAND INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (MILES) AND THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC) COMPUTER NETWORKS;

(2) INSTITUTE APPROPRIATE INTENSIVE SEARCH PROCEDURES;

(3) NOTIFY THE NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION CENTER AND FORWARD TO THE STATE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MISSING CHILDREN A COPY OF THE MISSING PERSONS REPORT INVOLVING THE MISSING CHILD;

(4) NOTIFY THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST IN THE LOCATING OF THE MISSING CHILD; AND