



# CELINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Partnerships in Prevention – Police and Community

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*By working together we can achieve a safer community*

### Preventing Child Abductions and Exploitation

Facts on Missing and Exploited Children

#### The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children – Key Facts

- The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® assists law enforcement, families and the professionals who serve them with cases of missing and exploited children. NCMEC serves as the national clearinghouse for information about missing and exploited children.
- Unfortunately, there is no reliable way to determine how many total children are actually missing in the U.S., as many children are never reported missing.
- When a child is reported missing to law enforcement, federal law requires that child be entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center, also known as NCIC.
- According to the FBI, in 2015 there were **460,699** NCIC entries for missing children. Similarly, in 2014, the total number of missing children entries into NCIC was **466,949**.
- This number represents reports of missing children. That means if a child runs away multiple times in a year, each instance would be entered into NCIC separately and counted in the yearly total. Likewise, if an entry is withdrawn and amended or updated, that would also be reflected in the total.
- During the last 31 years, NCMEC's national toll-free hotline, 1-800-THE-LOST® (1-800-843-5678), has received more than **4.2 million calls**. NCMEC has circulated **billions** of photos of missing children, assisted law enforcement in the recovery of more than **218,000** missing children and facilitated training for more than **320,000** law enforcement, criminal/juvenile justice and healthcare professionals. NCMEC's Team

HOPE volunteers have provided resources and emotional support to more than **55,000** families of missing and exploited children (NCMEC, 2016).

## Preventing Abductions



The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children provides comprehensive information and tools to assist parents in teaching their children safety. Please visit the NCMEC website to access this important information which includes the following Tips For Parents: Safety Scenarios, Preventing Abductions, Going Out Checklist, Child ID

Kit, and more.

NCMEC - <http://www.missingkids.org/home>

Resources for Families - <http://www.missingkids.org/Families>

Tips For Parents - <http://www.kidsmartz.org/ParentTips>

## Report It

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**24-Hour**  **HOTLINE**  
1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)



If you think you have seen a missing child, contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

Notify the Celina Police Department at 972-382-2121 or Dispatch 972-547-5100. In an Emergency Call **911**.

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## Report Child Sexual Exploitation

### CyberTipline (NCMEC)

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The CyberTipline® receives leads and tips regarding suspected crimes of sexual exploitation committed against children. More than 4.3 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation have been made to the CyberTipline between 1998 and April 2015.

If you have information regarding possible child sexual exploitation, report it to the CyberTipline.

The Congressionally-authorized [CyberTipline](http://www.cybertipline.com) is a means for reporting crimes against children. Reports may be made 24-hours a day, 7 days a week online at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)

Notify the Celina Police Department at: 972-382-2121 or Dispatch at 972-547-5100. In an Emergency Call **911**.

### Child ID Kit

One of the most important tools for law enforcement when searching for a missing child is an up-to-date, good quality photo along with descriptive information. A Child ID kit is a simple yet effective tool to help families maintain current photos of and descriptive information about their children (NCMEC, 2016).

Download the Child ID Kit

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

<http://www.missingkids.org/ChildID>

To help parents and guardians who are searching for advice about how to keep children safer, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® has compiled key information regarding child identification and safety measures.

The Celina Police Department will assist in obtaining your child's fingerprints for the ID kit. This service is available at the police department Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Bring your kit with you. Please call in advance to let us know when you are coming: 972-382-2121.