

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

AMBER ALERT REQUEST FORM

Fax (512) 424-7418; and Call (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972

MAXIMUM ACTIVATION - 24 HOURS

Reporting Agency Information

*Required Fields in red with an asterisk

INITIAL UPDATE

*Request

*Date of Request

*Name of Reporting Agency

*Contact number for Reporting Agency

*Fax number for Reporting Agency

*Name/Title of Investigating Officer

*Cell phone number for Investigating Officer

*Phone number for media inquiries

Activation Criteria for Statewide AMBER Alert:

1. (A) Is this child 17 years of age or younger, whose whereabouts are unknown, and whose disappearance law enforcement has determined to be unwilling which poses a credible threat to the child's safety and health; and if abducted by a parent or legal guardian, was the abduction in the course of an attempted murder or murder?

OR

(B) Is this child 13 years of age or younger, who was taken (willingly or unwillingly) without permission from the care and custody of a parent or legal guardian, by (i) someone unrelated and more than three years older, or (ii) another parent or legal guardian who attempted or committed murder at the time of the abduction?

YES NO **IF ANSWER TO 1(A) OR 1(B) IS YES, CONTINUE:**

2. Is this child in immediate danger of sexual assault, death or serious bodily injury?

YES NO **IF THE ANSWER TO 1 & 2 ABOVE IS YES, CONTINUE:**

3. Has a preliminary investigation verified the abduction and eliminated alternative explanations for the child's disappearance?

YES NO **IF THE ANSWER TO 1, 2 & 3 ABOVE IS YES, CONTINUE:**

4. Is sufficient information available to disseminate to the public to help locate the child, a suspect, or the vehicle used in the abduction?

YES NO

Activation Criteria for Local Area AMBER Alert:

If you are unable to verify any of the above criteria (1-4), TXDPS may not activate a statewide AMBER Alert. However, TXDPS may activate a local area AMBER Alert at the request of the investigating agency's chief law enforcement officer.

I, _____ (investigating officer), request a local area AMBER Alert activation within a 100-mile radius and the adjacent counties with the approval and under the authority of _____ (chief law enforcement officer)

❖ IMPORTANT: DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO DPS UNLESS YOU MEET ALL FOUR CRITERIA ABOVE. If activated, your request is only valid for a 24 hour period. All extension requests must be made by contacting (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972 before the last 23 hour Department of Public Safety reminder.

Abduction Date:

Time:

Last known location:

VICTIM DATA

NIC #:

Name:

Age:

Sex:

Race:

DOB:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Clothing:

Unique Physical Characteristics:

SUSPECT DATA

Name:

Age:

Sex:

Race:

DOB:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Clothing:

Unique Physical Characteristics:

VEHICLE DATA

Make:

Model:

Year:

Color:

LP-State:

Number:

Any other descriptors:

Request Form Instructions

Option 1:

Submit Request via Email

1. All request forms can be completed online using **Internet Explorer and Safari**. All other internet browsers will require the user to save the request form to the desktop and complete using **Adobe Reader**.
If you do not have Adobe Reader, you can get a free version [here](#).
2. Once the request form has been completed online or in Adobe Reader, save the final version to the desktop.
3. Select the "Send Request to DPS" button within the request form, launching an email addressed to TXFC@dps.texas.gov. The email will contain the completed request form (as an attachment), and is now ready to be sent to the Department of Public Safety.
Note: If the email fails to launch, you will need to manually create a new email message and attach the request form.
4. Contact the Department of Public Safety at (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972 to verify receipt of the email request.

Option 2:

Submit Request via Fax

1. Save the request form to the desktop.
2. Complete the request form in Adobe Reader.
If you do not have Adobe Reader, you can get a free version [here](#).
3. Save the final version of the request form to your desktop.
4. Print and fax the request form to the Department of Public Safety at (512) 424-7418.
5. Contact the Department of Public Safety at (512) 424-7981 or (866) 786-5972 to verify receipt of the faxed request.