



MDCHIP – Maryland Chip Identification & Protection
www.mdchip.org

MDCHIP or Maryland Child Identification & Protection Program is sponsored by the Maryland Masonic Charities and is one of the most comprehensive child recoveries, identification programs ever offered to parents in Maryland. Since 2004, Freemasons from various jurisdictions in the United States as well as provinces in Canada have sponsored this Masonic Chip event that is free.

How does this work? First, let me state that NO information is held by MDCHIP. All information that is collected for the parent or guardian is given directly back to them after the data is entered onto the disk. This is a free service that digitally places the information and photos that can be given to law enforcement in case your child or loved on is lost. Many people have used this service for seniors as well.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to bring pertinent information such as: contact home and cell phone numbers for parents or guardians, doctor, dentist, other and emergency numbers. Also bring allergy and medications information.

- A computer chip disc that provides:
- Full-color digital photograph showing various poses of the child or adult. These color photographs can be circulated to the media in case of an abduction or lost adult.
- A complete set of digital fingerprints
- Physical characteristics such as eye color, scars, hair color etc.
- A laminated ID card is given that contains a photograph and information.
- A Tooth Print Dental Impression Wafer – Teeth are like fingerprints and are unique. Dental imprints given an accurate records even when a child/adult has missing teeth.
- DNA sample – From the use of the dental impression wafer, a DNA sample is obtained from the cheek cells in the saliva.
- Canine Scents – In the case of a lost child/or adult, canine dogs can easily pick up the sent from this sample.

If your child is missing:

Act immediately if you believe your child is missing.

If your child is missing from home:

Search the house, check closets, piles of laundry, in and under beds, inside old refrigerators, wherever your child might crawl or hide. If you cannot find your child, immediately call your local law-enforcement agency.

When you notify local law enforcement, explain to them that your child is missing and that your child has been identified at a MDCHIP event. The tools that you have received in the MDCHIP identification kit will provide law-enforcement with digital pictures and information that is compatible with the “Amber Alert” program. Tell law enforcement when you noticed that your child was missing and what the child was wearing.

Request that your child’s name and identifying information be immediately entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File.

For additional information about child safety topics, please visit the following websites:

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
www.missingkids.com or contact them at 1-800-THE_LOST (1-800-842-5678)

Safe Kids – www.safekids.com

In case of an emergency dial 911

MDCHIP sets up the equipment and enlists the aid of local volunteers to help with information gathering for these information kits. Each child/adult takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Parents or guardians are reminded to take the kits with them when they go on vacation.

The mission of the MDCHIP program is to raise the public awareness concerning the risk of abduction children and many people have used this program to gather information for seniors who suffer from debilitating diseases such as Alzheimer’s and find that their loved ones have wandered away from their care.

These kits provide vital identifying data that will help law enforcement if your child or loved one is missing. This program also helps to educate children and parents about abduction prevention and other safety information.

For more information on how to host a MDCHIP event in your area, contact Grand Lodge of Maryland CHIP communities at 410-952-8172 or go to their web site – www.mdchip.org