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The Operation SAFE CHILD Card program is a free public service administered by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc. with the technological support of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

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www.nysheriffs.org, or mail a check or money order payable to "Operation SAFE CHILD", c/o New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc., 27 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207.
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Operation SAFE CHILD



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Sheriff Paul Arteta is proud to announce that the Orange County Sheriff's Office is offering FREE Safe Child cards to all parents in Orange County.

Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high resolution photography capabilities, 64 County Sheriffs and other agencies are able to produce a SAFE CHILD card for parents and guardians.

The cards contain a child's name, biographical information (including date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, and other identifying data), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or pocketbook. The goal of this program is to record and store the fingerprints, basic biographical information and photographs of children who are not missing – information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. The storage of information is entirely voluntary and requires the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

The information gathered is digitally recorded and stored at a separate database at the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). In the event DCJS receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child will be included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to DCJS. Once included in the database, parents or lawful guardians can request that information be purged at any time and, after a child turns 18, the fingerprints will be purged from the database.

In addition to being able to quickly provide important details to police agencies investigating child disappearances, the NYS Safe Child card will serve as an important tool when used in conjunction with the NYS AMBERT Alert and Missing Child Alert programs. These identification cards will allow essential missing child information to be electronically disseminated, Statewide if necessary; within minutes and dramatically increase the possibility of bringing a missing child home.

Parental consent forms (Information Storage and Release Authorization) are available in both Spanish and English, and can be obtained by calling the telephone number shown below or visiting the New York State Sheriffs' Association web site at: www.nysheriffs.org. Additional Operation SAFE CHILD Card information is available, and a link is provided to contact your County Sheriff directly.

Our unit can visit schools or child based events to register the children. If you are interested in the program please email your request to ppiccol@orangecountygov.com or you can contact directly at (845) 291-7698.



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