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Child ID Application

FBI Releases Child ID App

You're shopping at the mall with your children when one of them suddenly disappears. A quick search of the nearby area is unsuccessful. What do you do? Now there's a free new tool from the FBI that can help. Child ID app—the first mobile application created by the FBI—provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children so that it's literally right at hand if you need it. You can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities with a few clicks. The app also includes tips on keeping children safe as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.

We encourage you to share the word about this app with family and friends, especially during upcoming activities in your communities to raise awareness on crime and drug prevention.

Right now, the Child ID app is only available for use on iPhones and can only be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes, but the FBI plans to expand this tool to other types of mobile devices in the near future. In addition, the app will have new features—including the ability to upload other photos stored on your smart phone.

An important note: the FBI (and iTunes) is not collecting or storing any photos or information that you enter in the app. All data resides solely on your mobile device unless you need to send it to authorities. Please read your mobile provider's terms of service for information about the security of applications stored on your device.

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