

LÍNGUA ESTRANGEIRA: Inglês

How AMBER Alert Works

A child being kidnapped is a parent's worst nightmare. However, it is a reality that thousands of parents must face each year. In the United States, nearly 800,000 children are reported missing each year, or about 2,000 per day, according to the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

05 Approximately one-third of the children reported missing have been kidnapped, and about one-fifth of those kidnapped children have been taken by nonfamily members.

In response to this tragic problem, many states have established a missing-child response network, commonly called AMBER, which is used to notify the public when a child is abducted. AMBER (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response) is a program that comprises law enforcement, radio and television media, 10 and a network of electronic highway signs, used in the recovery of missing children.

The AMBER Alert is a lasting tribute to a young girl from Arlington, Texas, who was kidnapped and later killed in 1996. Amber Hagerman, who was 9 years old at the time, was riding her bike 15 when a neighbor heard a scream. The neighbor ran out and saw a man pull Amber off of her bike, throw her into the front seat of his truck and drive away.

Four days later, Amber's body was found in a drainage ditch 4 miles from her house. Her kidnapping and murder remain unsolved.

Amber's death provoked an outcry in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, which prompted the Dallas/ 20 Fort Worth Association of Radio Managers to implement a method of quickly alerting the public, media, and police when a child is kidnapped. That plan, which was the original AMBER Alert plan, called for alerts to be broadcast whenever a child was abducted. In July 1997, radio stations began broadcasting the alerts. Television stations began announcing the alerts in 1999.



National AMBER Alert logo



Amber Hagerman

In the United States:

Children reported missing each year - nearly 800,000

Children reported missing each day - about 2,000

Children abducted by nonfamily members - 58,200

Children abducted by family members - 203,900

Children abducted in stereotypical* kidnappings - 115**

*Most serious, most longterm

**56% are recovered alive: 40% are killed

Source: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. 2002 statistics

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(slightly adapted)

QUESTÃO 17

De acordo com o texto, atente-se para o enunciado a seguir e marque para as alternativas apresentadas **(V)** verdadeira, **(F)** falsa ou **(SO)** sem opção.

America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response

- 1 () is a television and radio weekly program about missing children.
- 2 () is usually referred to as the AMBER program.
- 3 () is a tribute to a nine-year-old girl abducted in 1996.
- 4 () is a program used in the recovery of addicted children.

QUESTÃO 18

Segundo o texto, marque para as alternativas abaixo **(V)** verdadeira, **(F)** falsa ou **(SO)** sem opção.

- 1 () Após ser encontrada, Amber Hagerman idealizou o *AMBER Alert National Program*.
- 2 () Amber Hagerman foi resgatada com vida após ser levada à força por um desconhecido.
- 3 () Amber Hagerman foi uma das crianças vítimas de seqüestro no estado do Texas.
- 4 () Amber Hagerman foi assassinada e seu corpo foi encontrado em um canal.

QUESTÃO 19

Com base no texto, atente-se para o enunciado abaixo e marque para as alternativas a seguir **(V)** verdadeira, **(F)** falsa ou **(SO)** sem opção.

AMBER Alert

- 1 () was first broadcast by radio stations in 1996.
- 2 () involves the use of several media in the recovery of children.
- 3 () is a program implemented by the Office of Juvenile Justice.
- 4 () is broadcast everytime a child is reported missing.

QUESTÃO 20

De acordo com o texto, marque para as alternativas abaixo **(V)** verdadeira, **(F)** falsa ou **(SO)** sem opção.

- 1 () A maioria das crianças seqüestradas é vítima de membros da própria família.
- 2 () Em torno de um terço das crianças desaparecidas são vítimas de seqüestro.
- 3 () Mais de 800 mil crianças desaparecem anualmente nos Estados Unidos.
- 4 () A grande maioria das crianças seqüestradas morre antes de ser encontrada.