

Responding to an Amber Alert

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence will serve as the primary contact for the Connecticut State Police. Any inquiries made directly to domestic violence agencies will not be responded to without proper authorization by the Executive Director of the domestic violence agency.

1. If CCADV is called concerning a potential Amber Alert, CCADV will take a message and contact the Connecticut State Police.
2. Once the caller's identification has been confirmed, CCADV will follow up with the member organizations via the crisis hotline.
3. Member organizations will respond immediately to inquiries from CCADV.
4. CCADV will relay the information to the member organizations. If a member organization has someone fitting the description of the missing person(s), the agency will confirm the individual(s) are physically safe.
5. If the member organization has someone who has been identified, additional safety planning measures must be taken.
6. CCADV will only confirm the safety status of the suspected missing person(s) to the Connecticut State Police. The location will not be revealed.
7. If an Amber Alert has already been issued and it is discovered that the member organization is providing services to the victim, the member organization will contact CCADV immediately who will in turn, follow up with the Connecticut State Police. The purpose of this step is only to clear the Amber Alert.

For inquiries contact:

Tonya Johnson, Operations:

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm	860.282.7899
Monday – Friday	before/after hours	413.896.2208
Saturday – Sunday	24 hours/day	413.896.2208

If unavailable contact Karen Jarmoc, Chief Executive Officer:

Monday – Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm	860.282.7899
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Key points:

- ✓ This policy is for safety purposes only.
- ✓ To minimize the need for implementation, the following best practices should be in place:
 - When safety planning, assess whether someone will be looking for the victim and his/her children
 - Ask the victim if there is a possibility that the abusive partner would go to the police and file a missing person's report.
 - If the victim believes this may be an issue, explain your relationship with the police and how you respond if an inquiry is made.
 - The explanation should include explaining Amber Alert and the goal is to keep the family safe – not drawing additional attention.