

## **Connecticut:**

### TITLE 7. MUNICIPALITIES CHAPTER 104 MUNICIPAL POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION PART I POLICE DEPARTMENTS

§ 7-282c. Filing and dissemination of missing child reports.

Any municipal police department which receives a report of a missing child under fifteen years of age shall immediately accept such report for filing and inform all on-duty police officers of the existence of the missing child report and communicate the report to other appropriate law enforcement agencies.

### TITLE 29 PUBLIC SAFETY AND STATE POLICE CHAPTER 528 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

§ 29-1e. Missing Children Information Clearinghouse. Definitions. Duties. Missing child reports.

(a) There is established a Missing Children Information Clearinghouse within the Department of Public Safety. The clearinghouse shall be supervised by the Commissioner of Public Safety, who shall establish services deemed appropriate by the department to aid in the location of missing children.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Missing child" means any person who is under the age of eighteen years, whose temporary or permanent residence is in Connecticut or is believed to be in Connecticut, whose location has not been determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law enforcement agency.

(2) "Missing child report" is a report prepared on a form designed by the Department of Public Safety for the use by private citizens and law enforcement agencies to report missing children information to the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse.

(c) The clearinghouse is established as a central repository of information regarding missing children and other missing persons. Such information shall be collected and disseminated to assist in the location of missing children. The clearinghouse shall:

(1) Establish a system of intrastate communication of information relating to children determined to be missing by the parent, guardian or legal custodian of the child, or by a law enforcement agency;

(2) Provide a centralized file for the exchange of information on missing children within the state;

- (3) Interface with the National Crime Information Center for the exchange of information on children suspected of interstate travel;
- (4) Collect, process, maintain and disseminate information on missing children and shall strive to maintain or disseminate only accurate and complete information;
- (5) Conduct investigations concerning missing children in this state and cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and other state and federal agencies in investigations concerning missing children.
- (d) All state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies shall submit to the clearinghouse all missing child reports received by any such agency.
- (e) (1) Any parent, guardian or legal custodian may submit a missing child report to the clearinghouse on any child whose whereabouts is unknown, regardless of the circumstances, subsequent to the reporting of such to the appropriate law enforcement agency within the county in which the child became missing, which shall be included in the clearinghouse data base.
- (2) The parent, guardian or legal custodian responsible for notifying the clearinghouse or a law enforcement agency of a missing child shall immediately notify such agency or the clearinghouse of any child whose location has been determined.

§ 29-1f. Clearinghouse to assist in location of missing persons other than children.

Subject to available resources, the clearinghouse established by section 29-1e may collect, process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location of missing persons other than children.

TITLE 53. CRIMES  
CHAPTER 939 OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON

§§ 53-24 to 53-33. Taking or enticing away a child. Unlawful exhibition or employment of child. Abduction of child by either parent. Kidnapping. Assault with intent to rob. Attempt to procure miscarriage or abortion. Abortion or miscarriage: Fine. Encouraging the commission of abortion. Abortion or miscarriage inducement: Class D felony. Severability. Use of drugs or instruments to prevent conception. Penalty for unlawful operation. [Repealed]

PUBLIC ACT NO. 03-111

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 5072

2003 Ct. ALS 111; 2003 Ct. P.A. 111; 2003 Ct. HB 5072

TITLE 52. CIVIL ACTIONS  
CHAPTER 925 STATUTORY RIGHTS OF ACTION AND DEFENSES

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 52-557q (2004)

§ 52-557q. Immunity from liability of broadcaster that broadcasts emergency alert and information concerning child abduction.

No claim for damages shall be made against a broadcaster, as defined in subsection (l) of section 12-218, OR AN OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ESTABLISHMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CODE 7312, that, pursuant to a voluntary program between broadcasters and law enforcement agencies, OR BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ESTABLISHMENT, broadcasts OR DISSEMINATES an emergency alert and information provided by a law enforcement agency concerning the abduction of a child including, but not limited to, a description of the abducted child, a description of the suspected abductor and the circumstances of the abduction. Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) limit or restrict in any way any legal protection a broadcaster OR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ESTABLISHMENT may have under any other law for broadcasting , OUTDOOR ADVERTISING or otherwise disseminating any information, or (2) relieve a law enforcement agency from acting reasonably in providing information to the broadcaster OR OUTDOOR ADVERTISING ESTABLISHMENT .

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