

## CHILD ID PROJECT – For your Child’s Safety

Congratulations! You now have a secure flashdrive storing your child's information. We truly hope you will never need to use it as intended – but just in case your child is ever lost, the information you store on this drive can be a powerful tool to help bring your child home!

The most important things you can do to make sure this drive remains useful is to **UPDATE** it consistently and make certain you are carrying it with you when your family is out. This document will go through the process you must follow it to properly update your drive.

Your flashdrive key has been encoded with an incredibly strong VeraCrypt password-protected vault; all your child's ID information is locked inside that vault so that it remains secure. Please follow the appropriate instructions (for PC or MAC) located on back, whether that is to update your child's information – or to provide access to law enforcement in case of an emergency.

Law enforcement recommends the following information be included on the drive to assist them in finding a lost child:

1. a clear **headshot photo** (full head and shoulders), so that facial features are clearly visible. This is best done against a plain white background; standing, if possible, seated if necessary. **NO FACEPAINT, TATTOOS, etc.** The easiest thing to do is to scan and upload your child's school photo when you receive it each year – this will also serve as a reminder to update the rest of the information on the drive at the same time. Including a full head-to-toe shot would also be useful.
2. A clear, stable **video**, to provide law enforcement with a clear visual of the child's gait – their manner of walking. This is one of the most important elements this ID information can provide. Gait is incredibly individual, even for children; and while an abductor can change many things about a child in a short time (clothes, haircut and color, etc.) they will **NOT** have time to change the way a child walk. Law enforcement trained to spot this small detail will benefit tremendously from a gait video. To do so, take a video of the child's full body length as they walk once to the left and right in front of the camera, then towards and away from the camera. Obviously, depending on the age of the child, this may be possible – do the best you can. However, keep your overall video length concise – your flashdrive is only 1GB in size, and will not be able to hold a lengthy video.
3. A clear **voice recording** – again, an abductor cannot change the distinctive qualities of a child's voice, so this can be very helpful to trained law enforcement. They recommend the child recite the following script:

“Hi. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I live at \_\_\_\_\_. Today is \_\_\_\_\_.  
My favorite thing to do is [or I like to] \_\_\_\_\_.”

This short script provides a good variety of distinctive words and sounds to help police make a positive identification.

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4. The editable PDF information sheet. We have made an effort to include as much information as possible here to aid law enforcement in finding and identifying your child – but again, it's only as valuable as it is accurate and updated. If you believe there is more information that will help law enforcement – particularly longer explanations regarding physical or mental conditions – you can certainly include additional files in the vault if there is space available.

### **Instructions for PC users: OPENING THE CHILD ID DRIVE VERACRYPT VAULT**

You will find applying updates easiest if you download the VeraCrypt application itself (it is shareware, so will not cost you anything, and is a very highly regarded program for data protection)

1. insert the key into the USB port of your computer
2. click on File Explorer in the bottom program list
3. click on VeraCrypt Traveler Disk from the left-side menu
4. open the VeraCrypt folder
5. open the VeraCrypt application
6. Allow the application to make changes (click yes) – the VeraCrypt application box will open
7. click Select File; you might need to back up one file level until you see the name of your child ID files. When you do, select them (you must make changes one file at a time).
8. Select an available letter drive on your computer (VeraCrypt will show you the choices)
9. Click the “Mount” button
10. Enter your password. Your vault is now unlocked.
11. Return to the File Explorer left-hand menu, find the letter drive you chose, and click on it.
12. You should see your child ID files are available to open and edit, add to, or replace.
13. When done, return to the VeraCrypt application box and click “Dismount,” then Exit.
14. Remove the key from the computer.

### **Instructions for MAC users: OPENING THE CHILD ID DRIVE VERACRYPT VAULT**

You will find applying updates easiest if you download the VeraCrypt application itself (it is shareware, so will not cost you anything, and is a very highly regarded program for data protection)

1. insert the key into the USB port of your computer
2. open the VeraCrypt application
3. click select file
4. find the name of the key on the left side of the opened dialogue box and click on it
5. find the name of your child ID file and click on it
6. select an available numbered “slot”
7. Click the “Mount” button.
8. Enter your password. Your vault is now unlocked.
9. Your child ID drive should appear on the desktop; click on it to open.
10. Your child ID files should now be available to open and edit, add to, or replace.
11. When done, return to the VeraCrypt application box and click “Dismount,” then Close.

Remember – it is very important to have the vault access instructions with you. While our law enforcement partners here in Centre County are aware of this project, other police departments around the country are not. When you go on vacation, we recommend you put the access instructions on your phone.

Should you ever need assistance – or if anything should happen to your drive (malfunction, lost, etc.) - please contact: [statecollegerotary@gmail.com](mailto:statecollegerotary@gmail.com) – we will always be happy to help you keep your children safe!