

Registry of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Also contact the Consular Affairs Bureau.

Your local police may initiate some of the following, or seek your assistance in doing so:

- review with you and other authorities whether criminal charges should be laid against the abducting parent;
- notify your child's school authorities of the abduction, and ask that they advise you or your lawyer in the event that there is a request for school records; you may need to provide the school authorities with a certified copy of your custody order;
- review credit cards that the abducting parent may have and request records of purchases;
- obtain records of long-distance calls that the abducting parent may have made prior to the abduction;
- suggest the publication of an Interpol circular;
- if your child has chronic medical problems or is on regular medication, contact the physician and / or hospital that treated your child and ask for their co-operation should there be a request for information concerning your child; here, too, you may need to provide a certified copy of your custody order; and
- if there are common credit cards or joint bank accounts, check your liability for transactions made by the abducting parent and take appropriate action.

The Canadian Government's "Our Missing Children" Program

This program involves five federal government departments: the RCMP, the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Justice. The program's objective is to locate and return missing and abducted children.

Following a request from the local police, customs officers can immediately have a border alert distributed to the member countries of the International Customs Union. The RCMP component, the Missing Children's Registry, is associated with the global police network Interpol, through which it will assist any Canadian police agency in co-ordinating investigations abroad.