

# Child Identification Kit



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## Fingerprints

Left Thumb	Right Thumb
Left Index	Left Index
Left Middle	Right Middle
Left Ring	Right Ring
Left Pinky	Right Pinky



# Instructions

- Please print or type your child's personal and medical information as well as their current physical description. Due to a child's change in physical characteristics, particularly in the first few years, we recommend that this kit be updated every year.
- Please fingerprint your child taking special care to get the correct fingerprint into the corresponding box. You can use most any ink pad such as the kind used for ink stamps. Lightly press the finger to the ink pad and roll the finger from one side to the other if possible. (For very young children, it is not necessary to "roll" the print.) Use the same method to transfer the print onto the paper. Be careful not to use too much ink as you will want to be able to clearly see the line or "ridge" detail in the fingerprint.
- Please collect a DNA sample from your child. There are three advised methods of collecting DNA: hair, fingernail and saliva. To get the best hair sample, collect several strands of hair from your child's head trying to make sure that the root and follicle are intact. Place them in a small Ziploc bag (the snack size bags are perfect) and label the bag in permanent marker "Hair Sample." For a fingernail sample, collect three or more fingernails into a separate Ziploc bag and label it "Fingernail Sample." For a saliva sample, be sure that the child has not had anything to eat or drink for 30 minutes prior to taking the sample. Take a sterile cotton swab and roll around the inside of one cheek for approximately 10 seconds. Place the swab on a clean sheet of paper and allow it to dry for one hour. Repeat the process for the other cheek. Once dry, place the swabs into a Ziploc bag and label it "Saliva Sample." Place all three samples into a large Ziploc bag which has been labeled with the child's name and the date the samples were taken and store in the freezer. (Do not store fingerprints in the freezer as they may become unusable.)
- Please attach a current photograph of your child.

**NOTE:** please update this entire kit yearly as children change dramatically from year to year.