

# **AMBER Alerts – Getting the Correct Information**

As hackers have been increasingly sending false AMBER Alerts, Iowa's Department of Public Safety and the State of Iowa AMBER Alert Plan are encouraging Iowans to subscribe to AMBER Alerts directly from law enforcement officials at [www.iowaamberalert.org](http://www.iowaamberalert.org).

Persons who sign up will receive AMBER Alerts from law enforcement in coordination with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. You will only receive a notification when an AMBER Alert has been issued in your area.

Too many times AMBER Alerts are passed on from email list to email list with the information being changed, or worse, leading the public to be desensitized about these alerts.

## ***Poster Contest***

The Department of Public Safety is inviting 5<sup>th</sup> graders to enter their National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. Entries are due by February 5, and rules can be found at <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/mpic/2010PosterContest.shtml>.