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Take 25 Child Safety campaign: May 25 is National Missing Children's Day

For 30 years May 25 has marked National Missing Children's Day, an annual reminder that we all share responsibility for protecting children. In the continuing effort to prevent the abduction and sexual exploitation of children, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has established the Take 25 campaign to encourage parents, guardians, law enforcement and other trusted adults to spend 25 minutes to talk with children about safety.

Every day, law enforcement officials across the nation receive more than 2,000 reports of missing children. In the United States alone, hundreds of thousands of children go missing each year, and nearly 50,000 of

these children are lost from Texas homes. Take 25 is part of a nationwide effort to prevent child abduction by providing and sharing important child-safety tips, including conversation starters to help introduce the subject to young minds, and planning guides to help communities host local Safety Days and Child ID events.



Oliver Bell, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, spoke in support of this year's campaign, saying, "TDCJ and the Board of Criminal Justice support the Take 25 child-safety campaign. We must all take action to protect the most vulnerable among us, and that begins by joining the fight against child abduction and exploitation. I urge everyone to take 25 minutes to discuss safety with your children, your families and your friends and colleagues."

If you'd like to join in the ongoing fight against child abduction and exploitation, visit the Take 25 website, NCMEC's Texas Regional website, or call 512-465-2156. ●