

“Identification In The Blink of An Eye”SM

What is Iris Scanning?

Iris scanning uses recognition biometric technology to capture a high resolution digital photograph of an individual’s iris. The technology can tell the difference between twins or even an individual’s right and left eye.

Iris scanning is not harmful to childrens’ eyes.

What happens to the scan?

The scan is downloaded into The Children’s Identification & Location Database (CHILD) Project by your local sheriff or optometrist. The CHILD Project is a secure nationwide network and registry, maintained by the Nation’s Missing Children Organization that enables Sheriff’s Offices and social service agencies across the nation to locate and positively identify missing children. The form you filled out today is shredded after it is input in the system so that your information remains secure.

Why is Iris Scanning valuable in helping identify children?

The eyes never lie. As children grow, their physical appearances change – but not their irises. Iris biometric recognition technology is the fastest and most accurate identification method available today and because the iris does not change, the scan never has to be updated.

Over 2,000 children are reported missing everyday. Younger children can’t always provide law enforcement officials or social service agencies with all the information needed to positively identify them. Iris scanning can help locate and positively identify children in seconds and reunite families quickly.

Who is involved in Iris Scanning?

The Oklahoma Association of Optometric Physicians and its 500 members are partnering with the Oklahoma Sheriff’s Association and local Sheriff’s offices to bring free iris scanning to every county in Oklahoma. Not only are we offering this service to parents of young children but we are also beginning to provide iris scanning for Alzheimer’s patients. We believe this new technology will provide an innovative way to identify lost or missing children and adults and bring them home safely.



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