



Estou Aqui (I'm Here) Child Safety program

The Public Security Police (PSP) launched on June 1, International Children's Day, the 4th Edition Program of "I'M HERE! ® (EA), an innovative solution created in Portugal in 2012, jointly by the PSP and Portugal Telecom Foundation (Fundação PT). The program aims to identify quickly and efficiently a child aged 2 to 9 years, should they go missing so they can be reunited with their parents.

The concept behind the I'm Here Program is simple and consists of three steps: requisition of a bracelet, made of fabric with a tag with an identification number, registration on the site and placing the bracelet on the wrist of the child. In case of disappearance, through contact with PSP police force or through the emergency number 112, the bracelet will allow the parents of the child to be quickly identified.

The PSP state "that in 2014 some 25,000 identification bracelets were issued through the EA program throughout the summer, and that's our goal for this year together with our partners: General Secretariat of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, PT Portugal, through the PT Foundation and since 2014 also the MEO KIDS , RFM, TAP, Institute of Child Support and Missing Children Europe".

This year, by the end of the first week of access to the program EA website, 25,400 children have been enrolled and we have already started to deliver the first bracelets to police stations identified by people at registration, accounting to more than 3,500 bracelets. The most representative districts are Lisbon, Oporto, Setúbal, Faro and Braga. This included 40 children of tourists who are on holiday in Portugal. The EA site was accessed during the first week more than 150,000 times compared to 139,000 accesses to the site throughout last summer.

The PSP has publicly expressed its thanks on behalf of all those who have built this solution for the children; they added "it is our commitment to ensure the levels of accessibility and activation of bracelets for this summer"

Recommendation

Safe Communities Portugal recommends the use of this bracelet for young children particular if you are intending this summer to visit crowded places, theme parks etc. It's free of charge and operated by the PSP police.

Full details of the scheme can be [found here](#)

To make a request for a bracelet [click here](#)

Please note in making an on-line request it can take around 7 days for the bracelet to become available. However if you visit any PSP station it is possible to register and collect a bracelet.