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Stolen/Missing License Plate Entry - NCIC Criteria

NCIC requires a complete set of plates to be stolen or missing to qualify for entry into NCIC (MKE/EL). This means, for an Illinois passenger car, both plates must be reported missing. If only one of the two plates are gone, the record should be entered into LEADS only (MKE/EL1). Motorcycle and trailer plates are only a one plate issue, so if that one plate is gone, it is a complete set and qualifies to be entered into NCIC. The same is true for temporary plates.

The MIS field of all License Plate Hot File entries should contain an indication of whether it's a complete or partial set that's stolen or missing, and if partial, which one is missing, indicate this first in the MIS field.

Examples:

LEADS & NCIC (MKE/EL)	LEADS ONLY (MKE/EL1)
MIS/2 OF 2	MIS/1 OF 2, FRONT
MIS/1 OF 1	MIS/1 OF 2, REAR

The only exception to NCIC's complete set requirement is if extenuating circumstances exist that failure to enter the record into NCIC would jeopardize officer or public safety. Please indicate the circumstance in the MIS field after indicating which plate is missing. *For example 1 of 2, FRONT, taken in homicide*

For assistance please contact the Help Desk at 866/LEADS-00.

Operator's Initials	Date	Operator's Initials	Date	Operator's Initials	Date	Operator's Initials	Date	Operator's Initials	Date