

Child Safety Tips



Don't try to teach too many safety skills at once. Teach a little bit at a time, over time. Take advantage of "teachable moments" that come up in daily conversations and routines.

- Teach your child their name, address and telephone number including area code. They should know how to use the phone number, as well as "911" in emergencies. You may pre-program your home phone so the child only has to remember to dial one digit.
- Teach children that Mom and Dad have other names too. Make sure they know your first and last names.
- Teach your children to never go anywhere with anyone, without checking first with supervising adult such as a parent, teacher, or babysitter.
- Teach your children to stay at your side in public places and never leave the store if he/she is lost. If you should get separated teach your child to freeze and call out your first name.
- Teach your child to always stay and play within your sight.
- Help build your child's self esteem. Children who are confident and feel loved are less often lured by abductors.
- Teach your child to tell you when any adult makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Help children learn to identify police officers. Teach them that a police officer is someone they can turn to for help.
- Point out people/houses in your neighborhood that your child could go to for help.
- It is not a good idea to put your child's name on their clothing or backpacks. This information can be observed and used to lure a child into thinking that he/she is known by the stranger.

Web resources:

www.escapeschool.com

www.missingkids.org

www.denverpolice.com/tips.htm

www.dltk-kids.com

www.clueintosafety.com

www.safekids.org

www.parentsoup.com