

Child Safety Tips – Stranger Danger

Providing a safe environment when our children are away from home is a parent's responsibility.

One of the best things you can do for your children is to educate them and make them aware of the dangers.

Here are a few tips to protect your child and provide some peace of mind.

- Always supervise your child so they are not left unattended.
- Encourage children to buddy up and never play in “danger areas” such as dark places, abandoned buildings and areas where they cannot be heard if they need help.
- A stranger is anyone you don't know. Even if someone is pretty, nice or looks safe, that person is still a stranger. Tell your child that teachers, police officers and firemen are ok.
- Teach your child to report the incident to an adult they know as soon as possible.
- Teach your child his name, address and phone number. Take annual photos of your children.
- Teach your child to not approach a stranger's car.
- Teach your child to never take food, candy, or toys from a stranger.
- Teach your child to avoid petting a stranger's animal, even if they are invited to pet it.
- Teach your child to stay away from strangers who might be asking them for help. If a stranger asks for help, get away as fast as possible.
- Teach your child to tell a parent or another trusted adult immediately if anyone ever makes him or her feel uncomfortable in any way.
- Teach your child to yell “No! You're not my mom/dad” and fight as hard as you can to get loose if a stranger is trying to take them. Kick, bite, scratch and run to a public place and keep running until they find an adult who can help.
- Teach your children to stay by your side in public places and to avoid wandering off alone.



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