



Safety Tips for Children



As soon as children are old enough to articulate a sentence, they can begin the process of learning how to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation. Children should be taught the following safety measures and tips.

- **WHO I AM AND WHERE I LIVE:** Learn your full name, birthdate, address, phone number with area code, and your parents' full names.
- **WHAT I DO IF I CAN'T FIND MY PARENTS:** If you are in a public place and you get separated from your parents, don't wander around looking for them. Go to a checkout counter, the security office, or the lost and found. Tell the person in charge that you have lost your mom and dad and need help finding them.
- **CHECK FIRST:** Always check with your parents, teacher or babysitter before getting into a car or going anywhere with any person. CHECK FIRST before going into a neighbor's house. CHECK FIRST before going anywhere. Your parents need to know where you are.
- **USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM:** It's more fun and there is safety in numbers. You should not be wandering around the neighborhood alone or after dark.
- **STAY AWAY:** If someone follows you on foot or in a car, stay away from him or her. You shouldn't go near the car to talk to the people inside.
- **DON'T ASSIST ADULTS:** No adult should be asking you for directions, to look for a lost puppy, or for help. Adults should ask adults for help, not children.

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