

Safety with our children

- Know where your children are at all times and who they are with.
 - Never leave your child alone in a public place, stroller or car.
 - Always accompany younger children to a public restroom.
 - Teach your children not to accept rides and gifts from strangers.
 - Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities, i.e. Halloween, school fundraising campaigns, etc.
 - Establish a routine for picking your children up from school or other events.
 - Agree on a simple code word for emergency situations. A trusted adult who knows the code word can pick up your child if necessary.
 - Make sure your child knows their full name, address and phone number.
 - Teach your child how to reach you (home, office, mobile)
 - Teach your child how to call the police.
 - Have a plan in case your child gets separated from you.
 - Teach your child to stay in groups of friends when going anywhere.
 - Tell your children about child abductions in simple and easy to understand terms. Awareness can help them protect themselves.
 - Avoid clothing and toys with your child's name on it. A child may not fear someone who knows his/her name.
 - Promote an environment in which your child feels free to talk to you.
 - Let your child know that you will pick them up at any time, any place.
 - Listen closely when your child talks about friends or acquaintances they spend time with in your absence.
 - Check all potential babysitters and older friends of your child.
 - Teach your child to recognize suspicious behavior and collect descriptions.
 - Urge your child to think escape / survival if he or she were ever abducted.
 - Get to know your neighbors and the children in the area. Make sure your child's friends know your house is safe and they can seek help from you.
- Check free websites to find out if there are sexual offenders in your area.

**Its Great
To
Be
Safe**

Keep up-to-date medical/dental history and finger print cards

This is just a few tips to share and to practice with our children. Please share with our communities and join us at the next Child I.D. event.

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