



Safety Tips for Kids

What Parents Can Do

Children are unable to care for and look out for themselves. It's the responsibility of parents to foresee dangers our children may face. One of the most important tools to keeping children safe is frequent and effective communication. Children are naturally trusting, especially with adults. Parents must teach their children to balance their natural trust with caution. Educate your children in a gentle but open manner - giving them certain rules to remember. This will build their self-confidence and help them when they face situations.

Teach children to be street-smart.



Friends

Get to know your children's friends. Encourage children to play in groups, not alone. Besides being safe, it is more fun.



Strangers

Tell your children never to go with, or talk to, strangers. Make sure your child knows what a stranger is.



The Neighborhood

Walk the neighborhood with them and show them the safe places to go, such as a trusted neighbor's house or business.



Muggings

If someone on the street demands money, jewelry, or other items from your child, teach your child to hand it over.



Cars and Vans

Instruct children to stay away from individuals in cars or vans. Teach them that it is okay to decline an invitation for a free ride by simply ignoring the invitation.

Basic Tips

- Teach children their full name, the name of their parents or guardian, their address, and home telephone number with the area code..
- Teach children how to use the telephone (cell phone and landline) to call "911" or "0" if an emergency occurs.
- Maintain open communication with your children. Listen to their feelings and fears about certain people and uncomfortable places. Help them to learn to trust their instincts.
- The National SAFEKIDS Campaign recommends that no child under the age of 12 be left at home alone.