

Children's Safety Tips

Tips for Preschool and Elementary Age Children



Ages 2-4

- ☺ Teach your children their full name, address and telephone number (including area code).
- ☺ Your child should know how to dial 9-1-1 for help.
- ☺ Teach your child that Mom and Dad have other names too. Be sure they know your first and last names.
- ☺ Teach your child to always stay in your sight. If they want to go somewhere teach them to ask a supervising adult such as a teacher, babysitter or parent for permission.
- ☺ Teach your children to stay with you whenever you are in a public place and never to leave if they get lost. Determine a meeting place for you to meet if this should happen. Explain that someone who works at a store or park is their friend and will be able to help them if they are ever lost.
- ☺ Teach your children your family code word and that they are to never go with any one who does not know the word.

Ages 4-7

- ☺ Have your child practice the buddy system when going anywhere. Teach them there is safety in numbers.
- ☺ Remind your child to stay within your sight and to never go anywhere without telling you first.
- ☺ Explain to your child that abductors are sometimes people they already know.
- ☺ Beware of an adult who pays extra attention to a specific child. Teach your child to come and tell you if they ever feel uncomfortable with an adult.
- ☺ Help your child become aware of their surroundings so they can take notice of details and can recognize safe places.
- ☺ Help build your child's self esteem. Children who are confident and feel loved are less likely to be lured by an abductor.