



CHILD SAFETY TIPS



NEVER

- ✗ **NEVER** accept a ride from a stranger or get in their car!
- ✗ **NEVER** open the door for anybody when you are home alone!
- ✗ **NEVER** tell anyone you are home alone. If someone calls on the phone tell them that your parents can't come to the phone and take a message.
- ✗ **NEVER** go into anyone's house without your parent's knowledge and permission!
- ✗ **NEVER** play in isolated areas or abandoned buildings!
- ✗ **NEVER** take short cuts. Always use well-traveled streets.



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- ✓ **ALWAYS** know your telephone number, your home address, and your parents full names (i.e., Mary or Joe Smith, not just "mom" or "dad")
- ✓ **ALWAYS** let your parents know where you are and who you are with! Play with friends and remember, there is safety in numbers!
- ✓ **ALWAYS** tell your parents who your friends are and where they live – especially new friends and adults you meet!
- ✓ **ALWAYS** tell you parents if someone talks to you about sex or love!
- ✓ **ALWAYS** tell your parents if someone touches you or asks you to touch yourself in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or asks to take pictures of you without your clothes on.

REMEMBER

- If an adult approaches to ask for directions, step back, tell them you don't know and walk away. Adults should ask other adults for directions.
- If a stranger is following you, don't run and hide! Go where there are other people! If forced toward a building or car, scream "help", scatter belongings and fight.
- If a stranger tries to grab you, fight and yell for help in a loud voice, "This is not my 'mom' or 'dad', I don't know this person!"
- If you see someone unusual hanging around a schoolyard or a park, tell your parents.
- Don't believe any adult who asks you to keep a secret from your parents.
- No one has the right to touch any part of your body that a bathing suit would cover. If someone touches you in a way that feels uncomfortable, tell them in a loud voice that it is your body and they don't have the right to touch you, even if it is a relative or friend. Tell an adult you can trust and keep telling until someone believes you!