

## Children's Rights

- You have a right to body privacy. Ask your parents not to make you hug or kiss friends and relatives against your will. No one should ask to see or touch your private parts.
- You have a right to protect yourself by screaming, running away and reporting whatever took place to someone you trust.
- You have a right to be rude if you think someone might want to harm you.

## In An Emergency

- Know the person your parents would send to get you in an emergency
- Ask the person for the "code word" you and your parents have agreed upon.
- Parents, choose a code word that is unusual, not something a stranger might guess by chatting with your child.

For more information about  
child safety contact:

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## At School

- If you see a weapon or hear someone make a threat, tell an adult immediately.
- Alert a teacher to students who are depressed or angry, or who talk about wanting to get even or hurt someone.
- Check out your school's safety procedures, especially before and after school.
- Don't prop open doors that should be locked.



## On Your Own

- Never walk alone, especially after dark.
- Never take a shortcut home.
- Tell a parent where you are going, especially if you change locations or will be late.
- Carry your house key so that it is hidden from view
- Don't wear you name on clothing or a backpack where it is visible to others.



## At Home

- Always keep the doors locked when you are home alone.
- Don't open the door if the doorbell rings. Ask who it is with the door shut and locked.
- If it's a stranger say, "Come back later." Don't tell the stranger that no adults are home. Tell them that mom is in the shower or that dad's taking a nap.
- Don't ignore the door. Sometimes burglars will ring the doorbell to see if anyone's home.
- Keep a list of phone numbers handy to call for help. Parent's work, 911, police and fire departments, or a nearby friend.

## If A Car Approaches

- Stay more than an arm's length away from the car.
- Never get into a stranger's car, no matter what.
- If the driver says something is wrong with Mom or Dad, find someone you know to call the police.



## On The Phone

- Don't let callers know that you're home without an adult.
- Take a message or tell the caller to call back later.
- If you have an answering machine, screen your calls.



## If A Stranger Approaches

- Never go anywhere with someone you don't know, no matter how nice the person seems.
- Never accept candy, toys, or money. It may be a way of tricking you into trusting a stranger.
- Never tell a stranger where you live.
- If a stranger touches or grabs you, scream or yell FIRE or STRANGER.
- Stay more than an arm's length away from strangers.