

10 Ways to Teach Your Child



Personal SAFETY

Tell your child to:

1. Beware of strangers, because even strangers who seem nice or know your name may try to hurt you.
2. Use “NO, GO and TELL”: Say NO, GO away quickly and TELL a trusted adult if a stranger offers you candy, gifts or a ride, or asks you to come along to help carry something or find something that is lost.
3. Yell “Help!” as loudly as you can and run to where other people are around if a stranger follows or tries to grab you.
4. Always play and walk with a buddy.
5. Stay away from dark or deserted areas.
6. Tell a trusted adult if someone touches you in a way that upsets you. Explain to your child the difference between good (safe) touches and bad (unsafe) touches.
7. Never answer the door for anyone if you’re home alone—and to call 911 if someone tries to get in.
8. Say “my parents are busy” and take a message if you’re home alone and someone calls.
9. Find a security guard or a store employee if you get lost in a store, and say you’re lost. Then stay where you are.
10. Always keep your parents informed about where you are, whom you are with, and when you will be back.

