

STRANGER DANGER

SAFETY TIPS

For Parents - We urge you to:

- Teach your child his/her full name, address and phone number and how to make a long-distance call directly to you, both by using the area code and by dialing "0" for the operator.
- Know your children's friends.
- Do not leave your children unattended—at home, in your car, in a store...anywhere.
- Have an established plan with your children outlining what they should do if you become separated while away from home.
- Be sensitive to changes in behavior or attitudes of your children. Listen to them. Encourage open communication. Never belittle any fear or concern your children may express to you.

For Children (Away From Home)

- Avoid unsafe places such as alleys, construction sites, public rest rooms and parking lots.
- Stick together with friends. Don't take shortcuts.
- Don't ever give your name, address or any personal information to a stranger.
- Don't worry about being polite to a stranger. Always keep at least three or four giant steps away from someone you don't know.
- If you are grabbed by a stranger, scream, kick and bite. Fight with all your might to get away. Then, run fast in the opposite direction.
- Do not take anything from a stranger: not candy, money, puppies, kittens, toys or even your most favorite thing.
- Don't go with strangers—even if they say that your mother or father is sick and has asked them to pick you up.

For Children (At Home)

- Do not say you are home alone when you answer the phone.
- Do not say you are home alone when you answer the door.
- Do not let a stranger enter your house.
- Do not give a stranger any information about yourself or your family.

For Children (In General)

- If you are ever approached by a stranger, tell an adult you trust.
- Never let anyone touch you in a way that feels wrong.
- If someone touches you in a way that feels wrong, tell an adult that you trust, even if you are afraid or are told not to tell anyone.
- Remember—you are not too small to protect yourself. It is as easy as 1-2-3. (1) Say "No." (2) Run away. (3) Tell your parents or a grown-up you trust.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

If a child reports an incident within a half hour of its occurrence:

If reported to the school:

- The school will call 911, make a report, call the parent and give the parent the report number and request the parent to call in and make a report at 264-5471 (non-emergency Police Reports). Report that file number to the school for tracking purposes.

If reported to the parent first:

- The parent should initiate the process by calling 911, filing a report and calling the school.

If a child reports the incident later:

- Call 264-5471 (non-emergency Police Reports) to report the incident, and then go <http://www.sacpd.org> to file a report. The school will do the same and contact parents for report information