



25 Ways To Keep Kids Safe this Summer

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At Home

1. Teach children their full name and address and home telephone number. Make sure they know your full name and how to reach you at work or on your cellphone.
2. Teach your children how and when to call 911 and make sure they have a trusted adult to call if they are scared or have an emergency.
3. Instruct children to keep doors locked and not to open doors to talk to anyone when they are home alone.
4. Choose babysitters with care. Ask children about their experiences and listen carefully to their responses.

Out & About

5. Walk and drive the route to and from school (and the nearby park) with children pointing out landmarks and safe places they can go if they need help.
6. Remind children not to play alone outside and take a friend whenever they walk or bike to school (or to play at the park) and to stay with a group when going on outings.
7. Take children on a walking tour of the neighborhood. Tell them whose homes they may visit without you.
8. Teach children to ask permission before leaving home.
9. Remind children it is ok to say NO to anything that is making them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. Teach children to tell you if anything or anyone makes them feel this way.

10. Teach children to never approach a vehicle, occupied or not, unless they are accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
11. Caution children to never accept a ride from anyone unless you have told them it is OK to do so in each instance.
12. Teach children to check in with you if there is a change in plans.
13. Establish a central, easy-to-get-to spot, during family outings, to meet should you get separated.
14. Teach children how to locate help in public places. Identify people they can ask for help like uniformed law enforcement/security guards and clerks with nametags.
15. Help children to learn to recognize and avoid potential risks so they can address them if they happen.
16. Teach children if anyone tries to grab them, they should make a scene and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting.

On-Line

17. Continually dialogue with children about on-line safety.
18. Keep the computer in a high traffic area in your home. Monitor and establish rules about your child's online activities and cell phone use.
19. Be aware of the type of access your child has to the Internet at school, libraries or friends' houses.
20. Surf the Internet with your children and allow them to show you what they like to do online.
21. Know who is connecting with your children online and set limits for online communications including social networking, instant messaging, emailing, online gaming, and using webcams.
22. Use privacy settings on social networking sites to limit contact with unknown users, and make sure their screennames do not reveal too much information.
23. Caution children not to post revealing information or inappropriate photos of themselves or their friends online.
24. Encourage children to tell you if anything they encounter online makes them feel sad, scared or confused.
25. Learn about the Internet. Visit www.NetSmart.org for more information about Internet safety.

To learn more about child safety visit:

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