

Stranger Danger Tips for Children

People who look friendly are not always nice. Keep safe from strangers and people you do not know very well with these tips:

- Always tell your parents where you are going.
- Try not to walk anywhere alone. Walk with a friend.
Don't take shortcuts through the woods, a back street or empty lot.
- Bad people do not always look mean or scary.
- Do not get close to strangers. Make sure you have room to run.
- Don't tell your name or address to a stranger.
- Never take candy, money or gifts from a stranger.
- Never go with a stranger to help look for a lost pet or play a game.
- Never get into a car with anyone you don't know.
- If a stranger bothers you, run away and ask an adult for help.
- Know safe places you can go—a police or fire station, the library, a store or a friend's house.
- If a stranger follows you or grabs for you, yell real loud. Shout, "I don't know you," so people know you are in trouble. Fight back and make as much noise as you can.
- If anyone touches you in a bad way, say "NO." Tell an adult.
- Tell your parents about places you don't feel safe.
- Talk to your parents and come up with a secret code word. Never go with anyone unless they know the secret code word.

If you are home alone:

- Know how and when to call 9-1-1.
- Never open the door to a stranger.
- Never tell anyone on the phone you are alone.
- Do not tell callers your name, phone number or address.
- Know how and when to call 9-1-1.
- If you don't like what someone is saying on the phone, hang up right away.