

COMMON LURES for CHILDREN



➤ Puppies

"Come see my puppy, he's in my car."

"My puppy is lost in the bushes, can you help get him out?"



➤ Bribes

Candy, ice cream, video games, etc.



➤ Car

"My wallet fell between the seats, can your small hand get it out?"

"Can you help me with directions?"



➤ Money

"I will pay you \$20 if you help me."



➤ Emergency

"Your mom told me to pick you up, she's been in an accident."

SAFETY "CHECK" POINTS for PARENTS



1. Teach your child Safety Skills in small, repeated, positive doses. The goal is not to scare them, it's to give them skills.
2. The concept of stranger danger can be ineffective. Research shows 85% of children are abused or abducted by someone they know. Teach them to be safe with all people and remind them to CHECK FIRST before going anywhere, with anyone.
3. Focus on teaching your child the three W's: WHAT to do, WHERE to go, WHO to talk to. Identify a safe place or meeting point where your child can go if they are lost or get separated. Talk about the types of people they could approach for help.
4. Give your child the names of two Safety People who can always be trusted for rides, help, etc. Talk to them about Safety Houses, neighbors you trust for them to go to in an emergency.
5. Monitor what your child is doing on the computer. Instruct him/her not to give out personal information. Google, "How to Block Websites from Kids."

SAFETY SKILLS



Resource: www.SafetyKids.org

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SAFETY "CHECK" POINTS for KIDS



1. CHECK FIRST before you go anywhere with anyone, for any reason. Check with the adult who is in charge of you at the time. If you cannot check, the answer is NO!
2. Know your full name, address (including state) and phone number with the area code. Know your parents or guardians full names, too.

LOST?

3. If you are separated in a store, FREEZE and YELL your parent's first and last name. You may also ask a clerk, or a parent with children, to go get help for you, but stay where you are. Parents will return to your last seen point.

POWER NO!

4. If you find a gun, do not touch it! Get away from it and tell an adult. Use the **POWER NO** if someone wants you to touch a gun or any other weapon. Use the **POWER NO** for bullies, dares and drugs, too!
5. You are in charge of your body. No one has the right to touch you or talk about your body in a way that makes you feel

uncomfortable. Use **NO! GO! TELL!** Yell **NO!** **GO** away from the situation and **TELL** an adult.

6. If a car stops to talk to you, immediately take two steps backwards. If the car continues towards you and you feel uncomfortable, go in the opposite direction the car is driving and tell an adult.
7. If anyone tries to take you or hurt you, scream, kick, fight and yell, "You're not my mom (or Dad) really loud!" Give it all you've got to make noise and to get away.



HOME ALONE?

8. When you are home alone, keep the door closed and locked. Use caller ID before you answer the phone, and only answer calls from parents or people you and your parents have named as Safety People.
9. Keep emergency names and numbers by the phone. Talk to your parents about when to call them, and when to call 911, especially when you are scared. Open the door only for a Safety Person. Talk with

your parents about what you can and cannot do when you are home alone.

ON THE INTERNET?

10. On the internet, keep personal information, such as your address, to yourself and ask your parents what sites you can visit.
11. If you receive any forms of bullying on email or Facebook, do not reply and tell your parents immediately.

STRAY DOG?

- I will not stare into a dog's eyes (a scared or aggressive dog may think you are challenging them).
- I will not tease dogs behind fences.
- I will not go near dogs chained up.
- If I see a stray dog, I will not run or scream if it comes near me. I will stand very still and quiet, like a tree.
- I will not touch a dog or play with it while it is eating.
- I will only pet a dog if I received permission from the dog's owner.
- Then I will ask permission of the dog by letting him sniff my closed hand.

