

**MEPIC
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*In an effort to assist parents in
creating safe environments for their
children, these safety precautions are
offered as a public service by the
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CHILD SAFETY

A Parent's Guide



GUIDE LIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY



WHO AM I?

Teach your child his/her full name, address, telephone number (including area code).

Show your child how to dial 911 and how to ask for help.

Tell your child never to answer the telephone if she/he is home alone.

Teach your child to scream "I DON'T KNOW YOU" if someone attempts to force your child to accompany them.

Tell them that no one has the right to touch them or make them feel uncomfortable and it's O.K. to tell you. Show your child your love by becoming involved in his/her activities.



FOR PARENTS!

Never leave your child alone in a car.

Do not put your child's first name on clothing, bikes, or toys where they are visible.

Notice when someone pays undue attention to your child.

Encourage your child to communicate his feelings.

Never belittle any fear or concern your child has, real or imaginary.

Leave a telephone emergency list by the phone for your child to use.

Know who your child's friends are.

Always keep a current photo of your child.

Have your child fingerprinted and keep the card in a safe place.

Practice with your child ways to walk to and from school or a friend's house.

Tell your child which are "safe houses" to enter, near your home, when you are not around.

Practice role playing with your child on possible situations that may happen and what they should do and say.

Know where to obtain your child's dental and medical records.

When your child is traveling, know the license plate tag of the car your child is traveling in, which route your child plans to take, when and where they are going, if friends are going along, and the time expected home.

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THE "NO" LIST

No To entering another person's home or car without your permission.

No To accepting gifts from strangers or acquaintances without your permission,

No To answering the telephone or door when home alone,

No To telling strangers where they live or giving their telephone number or address to someone they do not know.



IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES MISSING

Contact your local law enforcement agency and file a missing child report. In order for the police officer to enter your child's name into the FCIC/NCIC computer, provide a recent photo of your child and a description including hair and eye color, height, weight, date of birth, and other physical attributes.

Conduct a neighborhood search of schools, shopping centers, and friends' homes who may know of your child's whereabouts.

Provide the local police with your child's fingerprint card, dental and medical records if requested.