



Child Safety

It's important to remember child safety year round, and especially during the summer months when kids are out of school. Please talk to your children about strangers in an open, calm, and non-threatening manner. The following key points will help you lead your discussion:

- Tell your children they should ALWAYS check first with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult before going anywhere, accepting anything, or getting into a car with anyone.
- Use the "buddy system." A child should NEVER go anywhere alone. Children should take a friend with them when they go outside to play.
- Say "NO" if someone tries to touch you, or treats you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, confused, or scared.
- Tell a parent, guardian, or trusted adult if you ever feel uncomfortable or scared.
- There is always someone there to help you, and you have the right to be safe.
- Tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children are designed to help parents talk to their kids about safety. For more go to: www.take25.org

It is important to note that you should remind your older children of these important safety tips as well. Young adults 12 to 17 years of age should be made aware of the information above.

It is important to stress that even adults that the children know may be a threat and that if anything inappropriate happens with another family member or familiar adult that the child should tell their school liaison officer, parent, or other trusted adult. If you have any further questions, please contact Community Outreach at (952) 924-2661..