

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS:

Be sure you know where your children are at all times and when they are supposed to return home.

Know who your children's friends are, where they live, and how to get in touch with them.

Never leave a small child alone, at home or in the car, even for just a few minutes.

Teach your children that bad people don't necessarily look mean, they often smile and act friendly. Teach your children not to be tricked—be smart!

Discuss with your children how to identify safe adults (people like police and firefighters) who they can go to when they are in danger.

Use role-playing and "what if" scenarios so children can practice what to do and how to respond in different situations.

Decide a secret code word to use in emergency situations. If you can't pick up your children yourself, make sure the person you send uses the code word. Your child should never go with anyone who does not know the code word.

Give your children whistles to blow if they feel they are in danger. The whistles will attract attention and may prevent a crime.

Make sure your child knows how to reach you in an emergency.

Also teach your children how and when to call **911**.



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**Hey, Kids -
Let's learn about
STRANGER
DANGER**



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“Stranger Danger” Tips and Strategies for Kids

- Know your name, address, and phone number.
- Know your parents name and phone number.
- Use the buddy system; avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Trust your instincts. If you feel you are being followed, or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- If you are approached by a stranger, you do not have to speak to him or her. Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking. Do not accept candy or any other items from a stranger.
- Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she tells you.
- If someone is following you, try to remember the license plate number of the vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, “*this is not my dad,*” or “*this is not my mom.*”



“Stranger Danger”
are the buzz words
commonly used to refer to
the important topic of
teaching children about
the inherent dangers they
may face as they venture
out into the world.



Stranger Danger Word Search

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U S T N E R A P S D I K
P X O D S B P C Q G Z T
F P S M D Q V X H D S Z
U V T P A O U O L E B C
Y X R L N D L K C P U C
T F A E G A N R D U D E
C O N H E B E Q Q T D F
N A G E R T R N P Y Y A
I D E O C M A B A S S S
T D R O O B B C M H Y N
S R D E I D L E A E S M
N E Z I Z Y E J E R T G
I S J A S D Z C R I E O
T S N A B W Y L C F M U
T E A C H E R C S F X Y
    
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Address	Kids
Bad	Parents
Buddy System	Safe
Danger	Scream
Deputy Sheriff	Secret Code
Good	Stranger
Help	Teacher
Instinct	Vulnerable