

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safety Tips for Children

Who is a stranger? A stranger is a person whom you have never met. You might have seen the person before, but you do not know anything about him or her. Strangers do not look like monsters, aliens, or bad guys you see on TV. Strangers look like ordinary people. “Safe Strangers” are people you do not know, but can trust to ask for help. Police Officers, Fire Fighters, teachers, store clerks, etc. are examples of a Safe Stranger.

My Rules for Safety:

- ♣ Before I go anywhere, I will always check with my parents/caregiver. I will tell them where I am going, how I will get there, who will be going with me, and when I will be back. I will let my parents know if the plans we talked about change.
- ♣ It is safer for me to be with other people when going places or playing outside.
- ♣ I will say “NO” if someone tries to touch me in ways that make me feel frightened, uncomfortable, or confused. I will tell a grown-up what happened.
- ♣ I will not go with a stranger and if he or she grabs me, I will yell for help, say no, kick, run away, and tell a grown-up what happened.
- ♣ I know a stranger should not ask me for help and that it is all right to tell them “NO”.
- ♣ I will not take a candy, toys, or money from a stranger.
- ♣ I will not tell a stranger my name, address, or telephone number.
- ♣ I will not tell anyone my “Secret Code Word”. I will not go with anyone who does not use the “Code Word”.
- ♣ I will not open my door or let anyone in the house without asking my parents first.
- ♣ I will not tell anyone that I am home alone.
- ♣ I will trust my feelings and talk to a grown-up about problems that are too big for me handle on my own. I know that many people care about me and will listen and believe me. I know it is never too late to ask for help.
- ♣ I am a special person and I deserve to be safe.