

## Child Safety

Teach children to be safe at home and while out. “Stranger Danger” can be a difficult concept to grasp as children encounter strangers daily; a better approach is to teach children about good “friends” or “helpers” who assist during emergencies such as: ***Teachers, Police Officers, Firefighters, Doctors and Paramedics.***

### General Safety Tips

- Children should know their full name, address and phone number.
- Teach children that adults should not ask children for help, adults ask other adults for help.
- Do not drop off children at shopping malls, movie theaters or parks for unsupervised time.
- Never leave children unattended in vehicles.
- Tell children it is ok to say “NO” to someone they don’t know or someone who is making them feel uncomfortable.
- Tell children which neighbors they may visit.
- Teach and reinforce the “buddy system.”
- Know their friends and friends’ parents.

### Safety at Home

- Post rules where children can see them.
- Choose babysitters carefully. Check references and listen to feedback from the children.
- Teach children how to lock the door and never let anyone in or let anyone know they are home alone.
- Instruct your children to check in with a trusted neighbor or call you as soon as they get home.
- Make sure they know how to call 911 in case of an emergency and post other important numbers.
- Establish rules about having friends over or going somewhere without your permission.
- Set and enforce limits and boundaries.
- Foster good communication.

## If Your Child is Missing

Information 911 Needs: Child’s name, date of birth, height, weight, unique identifiers – braces, glasses, birth marks, scars, clothing description. Provide a current photo to Officers.

### At Home

- Check around the house for the child, be sure and check:
  - Closets
  - Beds (in and under)
  - In appliances
  - In vehicles
- Call 911

### At a Store or Event

- Notify the Manager
- Notify on-site Security
- Call 911

