



SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

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CHILDREN**
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FOLLOW THESE VERY IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY AT ALL TIMES AND TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THESE TIPS.

1. Never go anywhere alone - always be with people you know and trust.
2. Always tell your parents where you are going, even if your plans change. Make sure your parents have your friend's phone numbers as well.
3. Know your parent's names and telephone numbers off by heart - also know another family member's details in case you can't get hold of your parents.
4. If you get lost in a shopping mall, don't go looking for your parents by yourself.
5. Don't go with people you don't know or don't trust. Go to public toilets accompanied by your friends or parents.
6. Don't take any gifts from strangers, even if it's that chocolate you really like.
7. Never accept lifts from strangers.
8. Make a scene when you think someone is following you - rather be safe than sorry.
9. Write your name and parents' phone numbers on the inside of your clothes and schoolbag. This way, strangers can't see it.
10. Never play in the streets alone, or any place where there is no adult supervision - it's dangerous!
11. Remember the BUDDY SYSTEM: always take a friend with you - don't go anywhere alone. This way, you can help each other when you are in trouble.
12. Tricky people are adults who ask children for help! No adult should need the help of a child and this is a huge red flag. Strangers who tempt children with treats and rewards, who lure them to their cars with empty promises or who touch your body when you say 'no' are bad people.
13. Stay in the exact spot where you are if you get separated from your parents, and scream out your first name at the top of your lungs until your parents have found you.
14. Always stay in a group of friend's. We call this the 'Buddy System'. Always avoid alleys and vacant lots when walking to school or a friend's house.
15. Scream and make a noise when someone tries to grab you or try and push you into a car. Draw as much attention to yourselves as possible.
16. Social media can be a dangerous place where predators lure children. Remember to never tell strangers, not even children, your phone number, address, or name on-line. And don't ever send personal photos to on-line friends, or tell them when and where you to hang out. Always decline invitations to meet in person.
17. Know your parent's names and telephone number off by heart in case of an emergency.
18. Always tell your parents where you are going and who you are going with. If there are change of plans inform your parents about it and also give your friends telephone numbers to your parents.
19. Never go to public restroom alone, always be accompanied by an adult that you trust.
20. Always be vigilant of your surroundings, if you feel someone is following you, make a noise and draw attention. Rather be safe than sorry.
21. Always stay in the school grounds until your parents are there to pick you up, and if there is a problem report to your teacher immediately. And remember the family exclusive password. If a stranger says they have come to pick you, the person must know the password, otherwise don't go with anybody you don't know or recognise. You will then know that the person was not sent to pick you up, if they don't know the password.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THESE IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

SAPSIPOLICE: **10111** • MISSING CHILDREN SOUTH AFRICA: **072 647 7464** • CELL PHONE HELP: **112** • SAPS CRIMESTOP: **086 001 0111**
CHILDLINE SOUTH AFRICA: **080 005 5555** • GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: **080 042 8428** • HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE: **080 022 2777**