



STRANGER SAFETY

A STRANGER is someone you do not know or someone who makes you feel or do something uncomfortable (this may even be family member). It is hard to tell the good people from the bad. Bad strangers can think of all kinds of ways to trick you into thinking that they are nice, but following these simple rules will help you stay safe:

You cannot tell good or bad strangers by the way they look.→ Someone who looks disbelieving may be someone who is trying to help. On the other hand, someone who looks and talks nice to you may be someone wanting to harm you.

Never leave the immediate area of your parents/adults when→ in a public place without telling them where you are going. Places like shopping malls and amusement parks are places where bad people may hang out if they are looking to harm or take children.

If you are home alone.....

- don't open the door if you don't know who it is, ask what they want through the closed/locked door.
- don't let the person know that you are alone
- if they ask for a parent, tell them they are busy at the moment.
- if they tell you it is an emergency, offer to call 911 for them.
- If the stranger won't give up, call 911.

Always let your parents or an adult know where you are going, who you are with and when you are coming home. If they don't know where you are, they can't help you if you need help.

Plan a route with your parents for places you go to often, (i.e. school, friend's house or a park) and stick to the route. Use the "buddy system" whenever possible.

Never approach a stranger's vehicle. Adults should not need to ask children for directions. If they ask, direct them to the nearest store or

gas station. Bad people may trick you into going with them by telling you your Mom or Dad have been taken to the hospital. Your parents would not send a stranger for you.

Never accept a present from a stranger.