

FAMILY SAFETY TIPS

Family security is our business. Here are some tips to keep your family safer.

SAFETY TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Teach your children:

- To memorize their address and telephone number.
- To never accept gifts from strangers, get into their cars, allow them to touch them in a way that seems wrong, go on walks alone with them or allow themselves to be followed.
- To immediately run, scream or tell their parents or an adult they trust about strangers trying things that seem wrong.

CHILDREN AT HOME OR NEAR HOME

Talk with children regularly about:

- Getting to and from school safely and playing safely at school.
- Checking that the doors or windows have not been broken or left open before going in.
- If they are able to, go to a safe place instead.
- Locking the door when home alone.
- Proper use of security systems, panic buttons and other technologies.
- Safe use of electrical devices.

Teach your children about:

- The neighborhood, safe places and trusted friends.
- Being careful about inviting people who telephone into your home.

BICYCLES

- Always wear a helmet.
- Ride with traffic close to the curb.
- Use arm signals.

SKATING & SKATEBOARDS

Children need to be taught to:

- Practise close to home, not near vehicle traffic.
- Wear a helmet and other protective equipment.
- On trails, keep right except to pass.
- Take care around cars and pedestrians.
- Walk skateboards across intersections.



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TEACH THEM ABOUT THE WORLD WIDE WEB

- Follow family rules.
- Don't share your full name, address, school or phone number online.
- E-mail your friends, but stay out of chat rooms. Ignore e-mails from strangers.
- Always be friendly online.
- Say no to anyone wanting to meet you in person.
- Don't order or buy anything without parent's permission.
- If you see or read something that seems wrong quit immediately; otherwise you could get into trouble with the police.
- Don't share your passwords.

WEB PRECAUTIONS

- Use Internet filters and blocks.
- Locate the computer in the kitchen or similar where you can see what's happening online.
- Know with whom your children correspond by e-mail and which sites they frequent.

THEME PARKS

- As soon as you enter a theme park with your children discuss what to do if you get separated.
- For the first few minutes they should stay still at the point you lost contact, giving you a chance to quickly find them.
- After five minutes they ideally meet you at emergency services.
- If they think they need a stranger's help it should be a park staff member or a mother with children.

CAREGIVERS

Check carefully the hiring practices of schools, summer camps, sports leagues, day care centers or any institutions where you leave your children.