



*“Preventing abduction of children is the responsibility of every adult. My office is equally committed to partnering with parents and guardians to outline prevention strategies as it is to prosecuting those would hurt our children.”*

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# What you should know *Preventing Child Abduction*

## 1 Teach Your Children

- To memorize their name and address including city and state.
- To memorize your telephone and cell number with area code.
- To use both pushbutton and dial telephones to make emergency local and long distance calls and to reach the operator.
- To never go into your home if a door is ajar or a window is broken when you or another adult is not at home.
- How to work your home's door and window locks and to lock them when they're home alone
- Never go into anyone's home without your permission.

## 2 Prevention Strategies

- Make sure custody documents are in order.
- Have ID photos taken every six months.
- Have your children fingerprinted.
- Keep children's medical and dental records up to date.
- Make online safety a priority.
- Review and re-teach the rules often.

## 3 Tips on Child Safety

- Teach your child that a stranger is anyone YOU do not know.
- Teach your child never to go anywhere with a stranger under any circumstances..
- Teach your child that if he/she is confronted by a stranger to run into a crowded area. Do not run and hide.
- Teach your child to run in the opposite direction of a car that may be following them.
- Familiarize yourself with your child's routes to and from school and to their friend's homes.

## 4 Need To Know

- If someone tries to grab you, kick, punch and yell: "NO! I do not know you! You aren't my Mom (or Dad!)"
- Never get into a car with someone you do not know. Even if the person tells you a family member is sick and he was sent to pick you up.
- Sometimes strangers use tricks to get you to go with them like they lost a puppy or kitten and want your help. Do not go with them.
- Don't play in deserted areas.
- Never accept gifts or money from someone you or your family do not know.
- If out with adults and you lose them, do not go looking for them. If in a store, go to the security guard or cashier and ask for help.

## 5 Safety Tips for Children K-6

**(Kids need to know that their body belongs to them)**

- No one has the right to touch you if you don't want him/her to. That includes teachers, grandparents, uncles, aunts, mom, dad or anyone else.
- There are places on your body that are private – between your waist and knees – **The No Touch Zone**. Only you, your parent(s) and those given permission by your parent(s) **in front of you** may touch this area but only with good reason. **NO ONE ELSE!**
- Trust your feelings. If something feels funny or wrong to you, **YOU CAN SAY NO!** It's OK to say **STOP OR NO** to an adult or older child who tries to do something wrong.
- Even if you like or love someone who is doing something you know is wrong, **TELL THE PERSON TO STOP.**
- Just say, "You are not allowed to touch me there."
- You must then tell someone SAFE what has happened.

## 6 New Strategies For Children

\*Teach your children that anytime a situation is frightening, discomforting, or feels wrong, they need to act quickly to get away.

**It's OK to:  
Yell, Kick, Bite,  
Scream, Push, or  
Punch**

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