



Stranger Safety Tips for Children

Children spend a good part of their time at school and on the playground. People who want to hurt them know this too. It is normal and natural when children spend time playing and having fun. Sometimes they play and travel out of the sight of a trusted and caring adult.

Nearly 1 million children are reported missing each year. We want to help reduce this number by making sure you know the necessary steps to staying safe. The best way to keep trouble away is to avoid areas and situations where trouble may be.

Who Is A Stranger?

A stranger is someone you do not know well.

A stranger may try to trick children in many different ways.

Kids Have Rights!

Kids have rights too and sometimes it is okay to say no to an adult, especially when it is a stranger. The following tips will help keep all our children safer:

- Never talk to a stranger.
- Never let a stranger get too close, whether he or she is in a car or walking.

- Never accept candy, a present, a ride, or anything else from a stranger.
- Never tell a stranger your name or address.
- Never go with a stranger to find a lost puppy. Adults ask adults for help.
- Never go into deserted places alone.
- Never keep secrets from your parents about strangers.
- Always try to walk with a friend or a grown-up.
- Always stick to the same safe route in traveling to and from school or a friend's house.
- Never open the door for a stranger, if you are home alone.

If a stranger tries to grab you, yell as loud as you can and run away. Yell this is not my daddy, if it is a man. If it is a woman, yell this is not my mommy. Sometimes if you just yell help, people think that you are just a bad child throwing a temper tantrum with one of your parents or a caregiver. But if you let people know that it is a stranger that has you, they will try to help. If this does not work, yell fire! fire! A fire call always gets the attention of others. While yelling, try to fight your way free by punching, kicking, biting, etc. Once you are free, run tell a trusted adult so that they can contact the police.

We at the Rocky Mount Police Department hope that each of you will follow all of the safety measures above. Always try to use common sense precautions so that you can be safe around strangers.

