



Child Safety

CHILDREN ARE A WONDERFUL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. SOMETIMES THEIR INNOCENCE AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS PLACES THEIR OWN SAFETY AT RISK. IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS:

- ❖ **ESTABLISH SOLID COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD SO HE/SHE CAN CONFIDE IN YOU IN CASE OF TROUBLE.**
- ❖ **MAKE CERTAIN YOUR CHILD KNOWS HIS/HER FULL NAME, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE. TEACH HIM/HER TO USE THE TELEPHONE. HELP MAY BE AVAILABLE BY DIALING 911.**
- ❖ **TEACH YOUR CHILD TO AVOID PEOPLE THEY DON'T KNOW.**
- ❖ **MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE HIS/HER NAME ON A VISIBLE PLACE SUCH AS CLOTHING OR BELONGINGS. IT MAKES IT HARDER FOR STRANGERS TO BE ON A FIRST NAME BASIS WITH YOUR CHILD.**
- ❖ **EXPLAIN TO YOUR CHILD THAT A STRANGER IS SOMEONE THEY DO NOT KNOW, NOR DO YOU. POLICE AND FIREMEN ARE STRANGERS BUT THEY ARE GOOD STRANGERS WHO CAN HELP.**
- ❖ **TEACH YOUR CHILD THAT ADULTS USUALLY DO NOT ASK CHILDREN FOR DIRECTIONS. IF SOMEONE SHOULD STOP IN A CAR ASKING DIRECTIONS, TELL YOUR CHILD **NOT** TO GO TO THE CAR.**
- ❖ **HAVE YOUR CHILD PRACTICE THE BUDDY SYSTEM UNTIL OLD ENOUGH THAT THIS SYSTEM IS NOT NECESSARY.**
- ❖ **ESTABLISH STRICT PROCEDURES REGARDING WHO WILL PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL AND BE CONSISTENT, INCLUDING AN ALTERNATE'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.**
- ❖ **INSTRUCT YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO HELP STRANGERS LOOK FOR LOST PETS.**
- ❖ **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS OR ACTIVITY TO YOU AND THEN REPORT IT TO THE POLICE.**