



# Neighborhood Safety:



**Things kids should know in order to protect themselves**

- 1. Where they can and can't go in the neighborhood. Make sure kids know where they are allowed to go without supervision as well as where to avoid going. Explain why certain places shouldn't be visited.**
- 2. Their name, address, telephone number and how to dial "911" in case of an emergency. Even young children should know these things. Teach them to call a family member or trusted friend if they are unable to reach their guardian.**
- 3. That the same safety rules still apply as kids get older, including using the "buddy system" and letting you know where they are at all times.**
- 4. Always keep the door locked when home alone and not to open the door for anyone. Make sure your child knows not to tell anyone who calls or comes to the door that they are home alone.**
- 5. That it is okay to be suspicious of an adult who seems too friendly.**
- 6. That because someone knows their name it doesn't mean the child should trust that person.**
- 7. To trust their instincts. If someone approaches them or tries to take them away, they should yell, "this is not my mother/father!" Teach the child that it is okay not to be polite in this case.**
- 8. If an adult approaches them, they should immediately leave and tell their caregiver.**
- 9. To not hang around parks, woods, parking lots, schoolyards, or places that may be deserted after hours.**
- 10. Don't go with a stranger, even if there seems to be an emergency and they say it involves someone in your family. If a stranger really needs help, they will go somewhere else and seek other adults.**



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**[http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/street\\_smart.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/watch/out/street_smart.html)**