



Village of Glencoe
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Stranger Danger Information

Recent tragic events in the media have reminded each of us that we are all responsible for making sure our children are safe and prepared in the event of an encounter with a stranger. A stranger is anyone you don't know very well. The Glencoe Department of Public Safety promotes the Stranger Danger program which teaches children how to be alert and protect themselves from dangerous strangers. Please help us to protect our community by reviewing and reinforcing these basic safety rules with your children.

Common approaches abductors use:

- "Can you help me find my puppy?"
- "Would you like a kitten?"
- "Please take my mail and put it in the mail box" says an abductor from inside his/her vehicle. The child gives up their safe distance."
- "Do you know where such and such street is?"
- "Would you like some candy?"
- "Your father's been hurt and your mother wants me to bring you home."

Young children should:

- Never say they are alone if they answer the phone: they can offer to take a message.
- Never answer the door if they are alone.
- Not invite anyone into the house without the permission of a parent.
- Not go into people's houses without letting anyone know where they are.
- Move away from a car that pulls up beside them if they do not know the driver.
- Be taught their full telephone number and address.
- Be taught that it's all right to say "no" to an adult.
- Know that no one has the right to touch any part of their body that a bathing suit would cover.
- Tell you, school authorities, or another trusted adult about anyone who exposes their private parts.
- Tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you.
- Go to the nearest cashier if lost or separated from you in a store or mall.
- Not take candy or other gifts from strangers or anyone without asking a parent first.
- Never play in deserted buildings or isolated areas.

- Scream and scatter books and belongings if they are forced toward a building or car.

Parents should:

- Not put a child's name - that can be easily seen, on clothing or toys.
- Check all potential babysitters.
- Never leave a child alone in a public place, stroller, or car.
- Always accompany young children to the bathroom in a public place.
- Always accompany your child on door-to-door activities (Halloween, fundraising)
- Point out safe houses or homes with a Block Parent sign, Firehouses, or other safe places.
- Keep an up-to date color photograph of your child, a medical and dental history, and have your child fingerprinted.

If you would like additional information concerning child safety please contact the Glencoe Department of Public Safety Public Education Section at 847-835-4112 ext. #126 or GDPSINFO@email.com