

STRANGER AWARENESS QUIZ

1. The word stranger sounds like?

2. When a stranger is bothering you, the best thing to do is?

3. What is a good thing to wear to keep strangers away from you?

4. It is better to walk to the park or school with what?

5. If you have to walk alone, what should you be aware of?

6. What do strangers look like?

7. What is a safe house or a safe place?

8. Where should you go if a car pulls beside you?

9. If a stranger says they have a message from your parents, you should ask what?

10. If someone grabs you, you should yell and scream what?

When you are done with this quiz, look on the back page to check your answers. See how well you did.

Quiz answers

1. Danger
2. Yell and run away
3. Whistle
4. A group of people
5. Everything around you
6. A person you don't know well
7. A place or house where other people are
8. Run in the opposite direction
9. What is the code word
10. This is not my Mom or this is not my Dad

Helpful information for parents;

Avoid putting your child's name on the outside of clothing or on toys. Children are less likely to fear someone who knows his or her name.

Ask questions about potential babysitters. Do ask for references and check them.

Walk with your child in the neighborhood as he/she would walk to a friend's house or school. Be familiar with the route they would travel.

While walking, check for some potential safe houses and point out safe places.

Keep an up-to-date photograph of your child along with medical, dental history and fingerprints.

Keep an open line of communication with your children. Let them know they can talk to you about anything.

Report any suspicious people or vehicles immediately. You can never be too cautious when it comes to your children.

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AWARENESS

*Did you know the word **stranger** sounds like the word **danger**?*

*Do you know what to do if a **stranger** tries to get you in a car?*

*Do you know what a **stranger** looks like?*

You will after you read this.

DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCY

LET'S TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

Who is a stranger? Strangers are people we don't know well or they are people our parents did not introduce us to.

What does a stranger look like? They can be a man or a woman and they look like regular people. Strangers can be nice, they can seem happy. Don't let that fool you.

Children are taught to stay away from strangers but how do we explain to the child when it is alright to talk to a stranger? Children may need to seek out a stranger when they are hurt or lost, or they are trying to get away from someone who is trying to hurt them.

Begin quizzing your child about how he/she would react in certain situations. How would your child respond to a person asking for help looking for a lost puppy? What would your child do if someone appeared and said Mommy sent me to get you?

You and your child could have a secret password or code to identify who is actually sent by the parents to get the child. If Mom and Dad did not give the password, the child does not go with them.

When talking to our children, we should be simple and very basic. Try not to overwhelm the child with information. If possible, have some of your child's friends over when you speak about safety.

Know who your children's friends are and where they live.

Be familiar with places your children frequent.

Children should always be aware of what and who is around them when walking alone.

SAFETY TIPS TO AVOID DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

YOU SHOULD RUN THE OTHER WAY WHEN.....

- **STRANGERS TRY TO TOUCH YOU**
- **STRANGERS WANT YOU TO TOUCH THEM**
- **STRANGERS WANT TO GIVE YOU A GIFT OR MONEY**
- **STRANGERS PULL UP NEXT TO YOU ON THE STREET**
- **STRANGERS OFFER YOU A RIDE**
- **STRANGERS ASK YOU TO HELP THEM FIND A LOST PET**
- **STRANGERS WANT TO SHOW YOU A PET**
- **STRANGERS SAY THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO PICK YOU UP AND THEY DON'T KNOW YOUR SECRET PASSWORD**
- **NEVER GET IN A CAR OF SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW. NO MATTER WHAT THEY TELL YOU**

STRANGER SAFETY TIPS

- Always try to walk with other people, even if they are smaller or younger than you. Groups are even safer.
- Know where safe houses are in the neighborhood. Safe houses are houses of people you know and trust.
- Police stations, fire stations, schools, stores and banks can be safe places.
- If a **stranger** asks you something and you feel unsafe, run away and make noise.
- If someone tries to get you in a car, try to write down a description of the car. Dirt and snow can be used if you don't have anything else to write on.
- Know your secret code word or password .
- If someone makes you walk toward buildings or a car, scatter your school books like a trail and scream as loud as you can.
- Remember to scream "this is not my Mommy or this is not my Daddy" if someone tries to grab you.
- Don't be afraid to tell a grown up about something that didn't seem right to you.
- Avoid shortcuts through empty parks, fields and alleys when it is dark. Use well lighted areas when walking at night
- **Dial 911** right away if someone tries to get you in a car of someone you don't know.
- Always tell your parents where you are going and who you are with.
- Wear a whistle around your neck. Blow the whistle if you feel you are in danger or if someone grabs you.