
Be Aware
Have a Plan

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PRACTICE YOUR PLAN!!!

- *Options for your child to include in their plan:*
- *Always ask permission to leave the yard, playground, block, my friend's house, etc.*
- *Use the buddy system. Always walk or bike with a friend, never alone.*
- *Know where you are going before you start, and tell an adult.*
- *Know how to tell "who" is a stranger!*
- *Know how to tell "what" is an unsafe place.*
- *Stay away from empty buildings and unsafe places.*

You and your child need to know your plan!

You and your child should build your plan together.

You and your child need to practice your plan.

You and your child need to adjust and improve you plan as conditions change.

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**Creating
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More options

- *Never take anything from a stranger.*
- *If a stranger asks you a question, don't talk to them...RUN AWAY!*
- *Don't go ANYWHERE with a stranger.*
- *Tell an adult you trust if you see someone you think doesn't belong hanging around public restrooms, play grounds, school yards, your neighborhood.*
- *Never have a special secret with an adult. Always tell your parents.*

THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

- What is your plan to help your child identify strangers?
 - What is your plan should your child get separated from you in a public place, i.e., a store, at a sporting event, at the Puyallup Fair, at the mall? Practice you Plan.
 - What is your plan regarding your child getting into automobiles? What if the driver is an older brother of a friend? Or a neighbor of the friend What if the friend is in the car?
 - Have you and your child walked the safe route together? Have you pointed out the areas to watch? What about the safe places? How do you know they are safe? Have you arranged with neighbors to provide a safe place should your child need to run to a friendly home?
 - What is your plan to deal with the "lost puppy" ploy? What about, "you Mom was in an accident and I am here to take you to the hospital?" or "I want to take your picture for a surprise for Daddy". What is your plan to teach your child awareness?
 - What is your plan to prevent your child from having a "special secret" with an adult?
 - What is your plan to prevent someone from touching your child?
 - What is your plan to empower your child to say "NO" to an adult?
 - What is your plan to keep your child safe around firearms?
 - What is your home evacuation plan? In case of fire, in case of earthquake? Have you practiced?
 - What are your child's fears, concerns or worries? Have they been addressed in your plan?
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