

If your child is missing:

If at home:

Check closets, laundry, in and under beds, inside appliances, and vehicles.

Look outside and anywhere a child may hide. Call 9-1-1 if your child is still missing.



In a store:

Notify the store manager or security office. Call 9-1-1

Information 9-1-1 Needs:

- Child's name
- Date of birth
- Height
- Weight
- Unique identifiers (marks, scars, glasses, braces, etc.)
- Clothing description and time your child was last seen.
- Provide photos to the officer.



Watsonville Police Department

Watsonville PD Crime Prevention Unit encourages you to:

- Immediately report suspicious and criminal activity to the Police.
- Get involved in community activity. Volunteer!
- Get to know your local police officers. We are here to serve you. Let's keep a positive relationship between the community and local law enforcement.

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Child Safety

Friends vs. Enemies

"Strangers pose the biggest safety risk to my child..."

This statement may be the most common myth surrounding child safety. In many cases, victims and parents know the perpetrator who is often a family member or trusted friend and responsible for your child's safety.

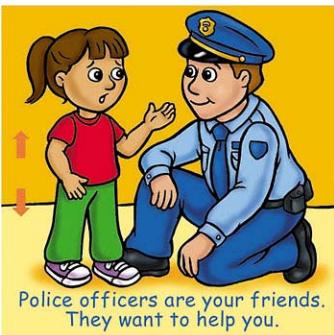


Safety Tips

Friends- Parents should teach children who they can trust in the community. Some "friends" are: Teachers, Police Officers, Firefighters, Doctors, and Medics.

Stranger Danger-

It is often difficult for a child to grasp the complex "stranger danger" concept. Informing a child to stay away from any person they do not know may cause them to also shut out their "friends". Help the child to remember who he/she can trust, not just who he/she can't.



What they should know-

Children should know their full name and home phone number. Teach children that adults shouldn't approach kids for help or directions and to immediately tell a "friend."

What you should not do-

Do not drop off children at malls, movie theaters, video arcades, or parks for unsupervised time. Never leave children unattended in automobiles.

Basic tips to remember while your child is at home.

- Post rules where the children can see them.
- Choose baby-sitters with care. Contact references and listen why the children do not like the babysitter.
- Teach the children to lock doors and do not open or talk with anyone at the door.
- If children are home alone, arrange for a family friend to stop by or call often.
- Store poisonous materials out of children's reach.
- Set the water heater below 120 degrees.
- Keep pot and pan handles turned toward the back of the stove.
- Keep knives, forks, graters and other sharp utensils away from the children.
- Jewelry can choke children if swallowed.
- Never leave your child alone near water. Drowning can occur in less than an inch of water.
- Any firearms in the house should be unloaded and locked away. Educate your child on the dangers of guns, for chance they may find it.



Safety in the neighborhood.

Things your children should know in order to protect themselves.

Where they can and can't go. Make sure kids know whose home they are allowed to visit without you. Teach them to contact you immediately if they will be out later than curfew.

How to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Even young children should know this. If your child has a cell phone, make sure your child has the number and that the phone is always turned on. Also teach them to have a back-up family member to call.

Do not assist adults with directions or other problems.

If an adult needs assistance, they will ask another adult. Teach your child that it is ok to be suspicious of an adult who seems too friendly. Also, teach them that just because the adult knows their name, it doesn't mean they can be trusted.



Teach them to trust their instincts.

If someone approaches them or tries to take them away, they should yell, "this is not my mother/father!". Teach your child that it is ok not to be polite in this case.