Winfield Police Department Stranger Danger Safety Tips

Stranger Danger Tips

➢ Do Not walk alone
➢ Bad people do not always look mean or bad
➢ Do not get close to strangers
➢ Do not tell your name or address to a stranger
➢ Never get into a car with someone you do not know
➢ If a stranger bothers you: Run away, scream, kick or make a scene by being loud
➢ Talk with your parents
➢ If you have to ask for help from a stranger, seek help from a police officer, teacher or store clerk
➢ Know how to call 911
➢ Never open your door to a stranger
➢ Never tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home

Stranger Danger Tips for Parents

➢ Instruct your child to walk with a friend
➢ Walk the route to and from school WITH your child – point out landmarks and safe places to go if they need help
➢ Remind your children that adults that need help should be asking other adults
➢ Supervise small children walking to/from school and to/from friend’s houses
➢ Ensure current emergency contact information is provided and on file at your children’s school
➢ Give your children confidence! Let them know they can fight back and make good decisions
➢ Role play with your child
➢ Create a secret password between you and your child not to be shared with anyone
➢ Teach your child to never provide personal information on the phone, on the internet or to a stranger
➢ Teach your children it is okay to say “no” to anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable

Parents and Children Should Discuss...

➢ Discuss stranger danger issues in a calm tone, realizing that these topics can create fear. Explain that these incidents are like earthquakes or fires and they probably won’t happen to them, but they need to be prepared.
➢ Practice and role play with your children – don’t assume once is enough
➢ Initiate conversation with your children so they will feel comfortable telling you if something happened or made them uncomfortable
➢ Discuss what to do if you become separated at a public place
➢ Discuss the do’s and don’ts for deliveries and phone calls when your children may be home alone
➢ Report any suspicious circumstances to the police