

Let a parent or guardian know where you are.



Telephone Tips!

- Phone home to tell your parents where you are if you change locations or will be late.
- Never tell a caller that you are home alone.
- Dial 9-1-1 if you are home alone and need help in an emergency.

Remember...I always ask before I go.



ATTENTION MOM and DAD

This pamphlet is to aid you, as parents, in teaching your child about the problem of the potential child molester. As parents, we have role in this problem. The child needs to know some very basic steps in avoiding this situation, without frightening the child unnecessarily.



The child is taught through our **Be Alert** program that a stranger is just someone they don't know. They learn how to tell the difference between a good stranger and **STRANGER DANGER**.

STRANGER DANGER will try to trick the child using a toy, money, candy or anything else they might think of. They will also try to take the child away from the places where they play. **Teach your child to always ASK the adult in charge before they go with ANYONE.**

We hope this pamphlet can be used as a valuable tool for the child when aided by mom and dad.

Please visit our Child Safety web page for more information on the following:

- Be Alert child safety program
- Having your children fingerprinted
- Download a child ID booklet
- How to take a DNA sample from your child
- Additional child safety literature

www.mesaaz.gov/police/crime_prevention/youth_safety.aspx

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STRANGER
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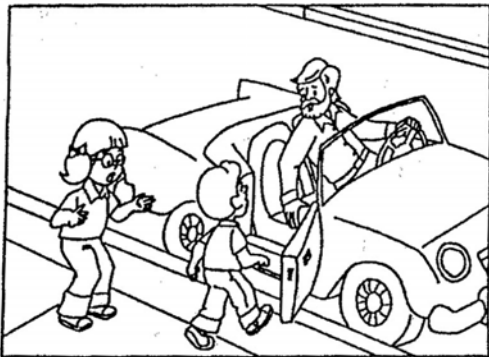


Who Is A Stranger?

- A stranger is someone that you don't know.
- Most strangers will not try to harm you, but some strangers are dangerous, even if they dress nice or look friendly.

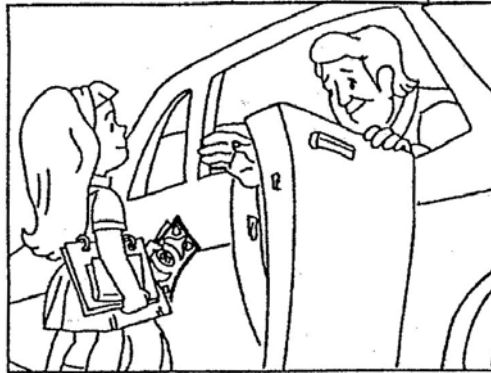
Never take rides, candy, gifts or money from strangers. It's OK to say "NO THANK YOU."

- Always report to a police officer, a parent, a teacher or any adult you know if a stranger:
- Tries to join in your play.
- Asks you to go with him or her.
- Tries to have a conversation with you or touch you while you are at the movies, playground, or walking anywhere.
- Always try to get a full description of the stranger.
- If you see a suspicious car, take down the license number with a pencil and paper, write it in the dirt or on the sidewalk with a stick or stone.



If you don't know...don't go!

Children...beware of Strangers.



**Watch out for
STRANGER DANGER!**

Parents...Teach Your Children:

- Their full name, address and phone number, including area code.
- Your full name, where you work, phone number and cell phone number.
- Your **secret password** — a word known only by you and your child.
- Never to go with anyone who does not give your **secret password**.
- A police officer is his/her friend.
- To scream "HELP" or "FIRE" if they are in trouble.
- How to make a long distance call, get the operator, and dial 9-1-1.

Children, remember Stranger Danger rules:

- **SAY NO!**
- **GET AWAY!**
- **TELL SOMEONE!**
- **SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO YELL!**

Play in safe places with friends.



Play Safe!

- Never play in alleys or deserted buildings.
- Take a friend along when you go to playgrounds, stores, movies, etc.
- Come home before dark.
- Never go anywhere unless you have your parent's permission and secret password.



**Never, never play in
strange places!**