

Things Every Child Should Know

- Their complete name, address and phone number.
- How to make a collect phone call. Young children should know they can always dial "0" to get help.
- How to answer the phone and respond to a stranger who calls when they are home alone.
- How to get home from neighborhood landmarks—a church, school, major intersection.
- Their parents' full names and where they work.
- Full name of a reliable relative and how to contact them.

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Recent highly-publicized child abductions have made it clear that our children need to know how to protect themselves. At the same time, we don't want our children to anxiously view every adult they meet as a potential kidnapper or killer.

That's why we have developed this brochure. While the chances of your child being kidnapped are not great, several hundred children are abducted by non-family members every day in the United States, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. So it's important that you explain to your children that while most people care about kids and want to help and protect them, there are some adults who try to kidnap or hurt children.

If you and your child learn together how and when abductions occur, you can reduce the chances, however slim they may be, of it happening to your family.

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