

SAFE KIDS SUMMER EVENT

Parent and Child Safety Checklist

Parent's Checklist:

- Are you careful to never leave your child unattended in a public place or in a car?
- Do you know your child's friends and their parents?
- Do you know the route your child takes from school to home?
- Have you designated "safe" houses in your neighborhood where your child may go to if he or she is being harassed or followed?
- Do you remember to never print a child's name on the outside of their clothes or use nametags when they are in public?
- Do you observe what your child is wearing on a daily basis?
- If your child doesn't want to be with someone, do you ask why he or she is uncomfortable with this person?
- Have you told your child that if he or she gets lost, you will look for them for as long as it takes?

Children's Checklist:

- Have you taught your child to recite his or her names, address & phone number? Sometimes putting the information in a simple song may help a child remember.
- Does your child understand that he or she should NEVER get in a car with anyone but Mom or Dad, or someone that parents have given permission?
- If you must send someone else to pick up a child, do you have a secret code word? Does your child know to ALWAYS ask for the code word (while standing a safe distance from the vehicle) before getting into anyone else's car?
- Does your child know to NEVER use a public restroom alone?
- Does your child know that it is OK to say "no" to adults?
- Does your child know to be as loud as possible if he or she is in danger?
- Does your child know that it's OK to use physical force such as kicking, if he or she needs to protect themselves from harm?
- Does your child know to approach a police officer if he or she has a problem or needs help?
- Does your child know to shout "no!" or "stop!" if someone touches him or her inappropriately?
- Does your child understand that even trusted people shouldn't ask him or her to do something that makes them uncomfortable? Only 1.4 percent of abductions are by total strangers!