



SAFETY RULES

6th - 8th GRADE

1. Never go places alone. Unsafe adults and child sex traffickers usually focus on kids who are alone.
2. Always let an adult know where you are going and with whom you're going to be.
3. Never get into a car or go with a stranger or any person who makes you feel uncomfortable.
4. Be aware: predators use tricks to lure adolescents. Never go with someone you don't know, even if they say something like you have won a contest or are invited to a "modeling tryout." Never approach a car that is asking you for directions or help. Those are common lures used by adult predators. Know that safe adults never ask children they don't know for help or directions. Safe adults will never ask you to leave a store, the mall, or another safe area without your parent's permission.
5. If you need help in public and cannot contact an adult you know, ask a store clerk, uniformed police officer, or mother who has children with her for help. These adults are considered safest when you are in an emergency situation.
6. It's all right to be suspicious of adults who seem too friendly. Trust your instincts when it doesn't feel right. An unsafe adult is someone who makes you feel uncomfortable or uneasy, asks you to keep secrets, wants to be alone with you, or tries to get too close. You have the right to get away from any adult who makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
7. No adult should ever touch you inappropriately. Inappropriate behavior could include talking about their private body areas, showing inappropriate or pornographic photos, or asking you about your body.

8. Online Safety Rules:

- Never friend or follow someone on social media that you don't know in real life. Some unsafe adults pretend to be teens online in order to trick adolescents into giving out their personal information.
- Keep your privacy settings set as strictly as possible.
- Keep all your devices and online accounts password protected (use different passwords for each profile), and never share passwords with anyone other than your parents.
- Always log off social media when you are finished using it.
- Close your laptop when dressing or showering—be careful with your webcam.
- Never take, post, forward or comment on any inappropriate pictures.
- Disable location services on social media and photos.
- Beware of anyone online who asks to meet you or offers to pay you cash, gifts, or game credits for you to provide photos, videos, or webcam access of yourself. Online child sex trafficking is illegal and extremely dangerous.

9. Develop a family password for emergencies. Do not go with adults who claim that your parent is hurt or sick, unless they know your family password.

10. Trust your instincts! If a situation doesn't feel right, leave it and get help if needed. If someone touches or treats you inappropriately, **SAY NO, GET AWAY, and TELL an adult you trust.**

