

CONVERSATION RESOURCES

Kindergarten

The following information and suggestions are provided to assist you in your effort to protect your children and to keep them safe.

The NO-GO-TELL Rule

NO – Say NO LOUDLY when someone makes you uncomfortable or scared, for example:

- When someone hugs you or touches you in a strange way.
- You can say no to another child or an adult when scared.

GO – Safely and quickly run away to a safe place or person that you know.

TELL – Let a safe adult know what happened immediately.

Day to Day Safety

1. Safe touches and unsafe touches.

- Discuss what is a “bad touch” and what is a “good touch”.
 - What are some examples of good/safe touches?
 - Explain that some touches are bad touches and are not okay.
- Discuss “private parts” of the body as parts covered by your bathing suit.
- If your child feels uncomfortable with certain touches, they can say NO to any person, even if they know that person.

2. Safe Adults

- Tell your child that it is not always easy to tell when someone is doing wrong.
- If your child is confused or not sure, they should go to a trusted or safe adult.
- Discuss with your child who would be considered a trusted or safe adult.
- Who are some people you can trust?
- Who is a “stranger”?

3. “Hurtful Secrets”

- Teach your child that a good secret is one that will eventually be told, like a surprise party. Secrets should never hide hurtful behavior.
- It is important that children know that they can talk about things in their life, even if they have been told to keep a secret.
- Do you know an adult who asks you to keep a secret just between the two of you?

Scenarios

1. What would you do if an adult asked you to help find their dog or offered to give you something like candy?
2. Share with your children the times when it is appropriate for someone to take their picture.

Internet Safety

1. Instruct your child to let you know if they see something on the computer that makes them feel uncomfortable, scared, or sad.
2. Discuss with your child that they should not share personal information (name, phone number, address) when on the Internet.
3. Has anyone asked you to be friends with them on the Internet?

Best Practices

1. Children should know their phone # and address and they should not share this information with strangers.
2. Be familiar with your child's friends and activities. Acquaint yourself with the home situation of your child's friends.
3. Be sensitive to changes in your child's behavior; talk to them about the changes when you notice.
4. Screen babysitters carefully; checking references.

Resources

Missing and exploited children: www.missingkids.com
www.Netsmartz.org netsmartzkids

www.UTouchITell.org
U Touch I Tell by Chi Hosseinion - ISBN 9781478205586