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Parental Tips

- Teach your child their telephone number, including area code.
- Have your child fingerprinted and keep the card in a safe, accessible place along pictures updated every six months and an accurate description, including scars.
- Show your child how to dial the operator and what to say (tell them to stay on the line, if possible). Practice this.
- Know where your child is at all times.
- Don't let your child go to a public restroom alone.
- Don't leave your child alone in the car.
- Don't put your child's name, first or last, on hats, caps, jackets, bikes, wagons, etc.
- Teach your child to avoid strangers. A stranger is somebody that they do not know very well.
- Don't leave your children in the toy section of a store or wandering in a mall. If they get lost or bothered, tell them to go to the cashier for help.
- Know your child's friends.
- Be involved in your child's activities.
- Practice with your child ways he or she may walk to and from a friend's home or school.
- Make it clear to your child to whose home he or she may go to play or visit.
- Teach your child which homes are "safe" to go into near your home when you are not around.
- Listen when your child tells you that he or she doesn't want to be with someone. Find out the reason.
- Notice if someone pays undue attention to your child.
- Encourage parent - child communication.
- Never belittle any fear or concern your child has, real or imaginary.
- Tell your children that if anything happens, you will look for them no matter how long it takes to find them.
- Organize safe houses in your neighborhood with signs in the windows. Teach the children to go there if they are frightened.