

## Keeping Your Children Safe

- Talk to your children about safety
- Work on “what would you do if ...” scenarios
- Practice by using role playing

### **Know your child's route to school**

- Check it out with your child and point out places to avoid
- Point out safe houses your child could go to in the case of trouble

### **Prevent your child from being alone in public places**

- When walking to school always use the buddy system
- If there is no one you know at the park, go home
- If there are people at the park who make you uncomfortable, leave
- Do not be out after dark without an adult
- It is easy to get separated at stores, mall, and amusement centers
- Do not let them go to public restrooms alone
- If your child does get separated, make sure they know what to do

### **Know where your children are**

- Parents should know where their children are going, how they are getting there, and when they are returning
- Children need to let you know before they go anywhere else
- Meet the parents before you allow them to play at a friend's house

### **When your child is home alone**

- Post a list of important telephone numbers, to include 911
- Children should never open the door for a stranger
- Children should never tell a caller they are alone