

## IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL ABDUCTORS

- **Abductors can be male or female from any background.**
- **Most are usually not strangers. Family members or acquaintances may be abductors.**
- **The older the child, the more likely the abductor is a stranger.**
- **Trust your instincts.**

## IF YOUR CHILD GOES MISSING

- **Contact the sheriff's office or police department immediately. They will begin a search.**
- **Keep current information about your child, including fingerprints, medical records, DNA sample, and photographs.**
- **Many local sheriffs' offices and police departments offer child protection packages to assist you.**

For more information, visit [www.ncmec.org](http://www.ncmec.org).



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# YOUR CHILD'S PERSONAL SAFETY

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## WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD DO

- **Your child should always be aware of his or her surroundings.**
- **Your child should know that it is okay to say “No” if someone asks him or her to do something the child is uncomfortable with.**
- **If home alone, your child should know to never tell a caller or someone online that they are alone.**

## WHAT TO TEACH YOUR CHILD

- **Teach your child to avoid talking to strangers and to never go anywhere with an adult without your prior approval.**
- **It is important to teach your child to never give away personal information on the phone or the Internet (including posting it on “My Space”).**
- **Your child should know to never meet someone they have met online.**

## HOW TO CHOOSE CHILD CARE WISELY

- **Interview the potential caregiver and check his or her references. Also, talk to other parents who have hired this caregiver before.**
- **Drop in unannounced from time to time to check on your child and on the caregiver.**
- **Ask your child what he or she thinks of the caregiver.**

## WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW

- **Your child should know how to get in contact with you in an emergency. This means knowing your phone number and area code and how to call collect. Your child should also know your complete home address.**
- **In addition, your child should know how to call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency.**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Have a secret code word. Your child should never go with an adult who does not know the code.**
- **Do not put your child’s name on clothing or personal items. Strangers can read these too.**
- **Always know whom your child is with. Your child should call you immediately if plans change.**
- **Get to know your child’s teachers, coaches, and friends and their families.**
- **Never leave your child alone in a public place, not even for a minute.**
- **Let your child feel comfortable in telling you anything.**
- **Take note if your child begins acting differently. Danger signs include receiving presents from an adult when you are not present or changes in behavior such as secrecy.**
- **Believe what your child tells you.**