

Parents:

Northwest Allen County Schools is working hard to ensure the safety of all students. Please help us teach children how to live as safely as possible in all environments.

We hope you will take some time to review this folder with your child and that you will keep it in a prominent place in your home.

We have taught our children to "Stop, drop and roll." Now, we need to teach them to "Run, scream, and get help."

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GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL—

WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW

Always use the BUDDY SYSTEM.

Walk in well lit areas, never take shortcuts.

Stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop.

If someone bothers you, say NO, then GO and TELL a trusted adult.

Never accept a ride from anyone unless your parents say it's OK—even if you know the person.

If someone follows you on foot, get away as quickly as possible. If they follow you in a car, turn around and go the other way.

Never leave school with someone you don't know.



**Learn
how to
be safe!**

If someone tells you there is an emergency and they want you to go with them, CHECK FIRST with a parent or teacher.

Don't wear items of clothing with your name on them.

If you change your plans after school, CHECK FIRST with you parents.

If you will be home alone after school, CHECK to see that everything is OK before going into the house. Once in the house, call a trusted adult to let them know you are home.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Become involved in your child's school activities—PTO or field trips, help out in the classroom at your child's school.

Know where your kids are, what they are doing, and who they are with at all times.

Arrange an alternative place where your child can wait if you are delayed, especially in the darker winter evenings. Suggest a well-lit store or inside an arena or school.

Use a secret family code. Children should never go with anyone, not even close family friends, unless such friends are able to give the child the code. Once the code has been used, it should be changed.

Don't allow young children to go to a public rest room unattended.

Teach children to tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable.

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO KNOW...

- ✓ Their full name, address and phone number (including area code.)
- ✓ How to make a long distance telephone call.
- ✓ How to dial 911.
- ✓ Never to go near a car with a stranger in it.
- ✓ Never to get into a car without your permission.
- ✓ Never to tell someone on the phone that they are home alone.
- ✓ To always lock the doors at home.
- ✓ To never open the door to a stranger.
- ✓ A stranger is a person they or you do not know, someone they have never seen before, or a person whose name they do not know.
- ✓ A dangerous person can be a person who pretends to be nice—big, small, old or young, a man, woman, girl or boy.

IN AN ABDUCTION ATTEMPT...

- ✓ Scream continuously and yell "this person is not my mother (or father)."
- ✓ Kick the abductor in the groin area or shins.
- ✓ Stomp on the top of the abductor's foot.
- ✓ Scratch around the abductor's face, poke at his/her eyes, hit the Adam's apple.
- ✓ Bite the abductor **hard**.
- ✓ If a bystander is near, latch onto that person's leg and do not let go.
- ✓ If your wrists are taped, chew through the tape, or cut it on a belt buckle.
- ✓ If put in a car trunk, kick out the tail lights, stick a hand out of the hole.
- ✓ **Do NOT be passive.**
- ✓ **FIGHT for your life!**