

Great Strategies for Keeping Kids Safer

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has partnered with Honeywell in the area of child safety. Together we have created an important educational program your child has been participating in at school called "Got 2B Safe! Think Smart and Take Charge!"

Your child has completed kid-friendly activities in our program that introduced specific skills and provided lessons with the goal of increasing personal safety.

Reinforced throughout the materials are **Four Rules: • Check first • Go with a friend • It's my body • Tell a trusted adult.**

Children 8 to 10 are at a critical developmental milestone, becoming more aware of the world around them. The use of fantasy, play and make-believe as "coping strategies" are being replaced by more reality play and a greater maturity. "Got 2B Safe! Think Smart and Take Charge!" recognizes that children can learn the rules to follow to help protect themselves against abduction and exploitation. Of course, personal safety information needs to be reinforced time and time again as children grow, and the best place to do this is at home.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite your family and you to visit our web site for children, www.honeywell.com/got2bsafe. Our site has interactive games and activities for your children that are designed to reinforce the four safety rules as well as additional links for you to get important safety information. We believe you will find it a valuable resource.

As parents or guardians, you are the most important and influential people in your children's lives. This also makes you the best source for safety information. The rules and procedures your family discusses and decides will work best can help empower your child as he or she becomes more independent.

We urge you to visit www.missingkids.com or call **1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)** for more safety information you can use with your children. You can also find additional materials, and the activities your children used at school in NCMEC and Honeywell's education program by visiting our web site, www.honeywell.com/got2bsafe.

We hope the important safety guidelines in this brochure assist you in helping to keep your child safer.

Sincerely,

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These tips and safety rules reflect the materials in the "Got 2B Safe! Think Smart and Take Charge!" program.

They include ideas for you to take part in your children's safety education as well as rules they should follow at home, at school, in the neighborhood, and on family outings or trips.

Safety at School:

- Walk the route with your children and point out safe places they can go if needed.
- If your children take the bus, go to the stop and review what to do when waiting for the bus. For example, if a car pulls up to the bus stop, walk away in the opposite direction to a safe location or trusted adult.
- Tell your children to always report suspicious people to a trusted adult.

REMEMBER THE FOUR RULES

- *Check first*
- *Go with a friend*
- *It's my body*
- *Tell a trusted adult*



Safety at Home:

- Keep contact numbers and emergency numbers near the telephone. Make sure your children know how to reach you in an emergency by learning your work phone, cell phone or pager number, and when to dial your local emergency number, “911,” “0” or any other appropriate number in your area.
- Teach your children never to answer the door unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative, your children feel comfortable being alone with that person **and** you have told your children that it is okay.
- Decide whether or not the telephone should be answered and what your children should say to a caller when you aren't there.
- Children should have a trusted adult to call if they are home alone and feel scared, uncomfortable, confused or have an emergency.
- Make your children part of securing your home. Show them how to lock doors and windows and set an alarm system if you have one.
- Establish reasonable rules and guidelines for using the computer by your children. Even if you don't own a computer, be sure to identify other places your children may have access such as libraries, school and friends' houses.

Safety in the Neighborhood:

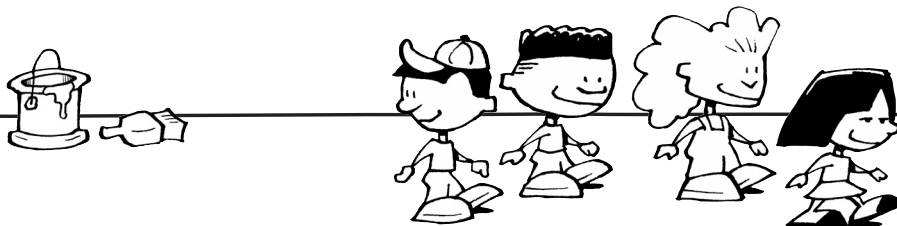
- Set boundaries about places they may go, people they may see and things they may do.
- Teach your children to TELL a trusted adult if anything makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or confused.
- Make sure your children know which neighbors you feel are people they can turn to for help.
- Take a walk around your neighborhood and discuss how far your children can go away from your house and the proper route to take. Don't let them take shortcuts.
- Remind your children to never go out alone but take a friend and always tell a trusted adult where they are going.
- Never drop your children off alone at a movie theater, mall or park, even if you plan to meet up later.

Safety at Family Outings, Events and Amusement Parks:

- It's okay to say NO—tell your children to trust their instincts. If someone should try to grab them, tell them to make a scene; yell loudly “this person is not my father/mother/guardian” and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming and resisting.
- Make sure your child knows his or her name and address, emergency telephone numbers and your names in case he or she gets lost.
- Discuss where you are going so your child is aware of the new situation before getting there.
- Discuss what to do if you get separated. Teach your child to go up to a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag in the information booth or help center, or a mother with children and tell that person he or she is lost. Also teach your children to stay in an open and safe place until you are found and brought there.
- Never leave your children unattended in an automobile.

We hope this information helps reinforce your commitment to teaching your children what they can do to be safer.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE!
www.honeywell.com/got2bsafe



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