

## Role Playing With Your Children

1. You are outside playing. Someone you do not know calls you over to their car. The person is lost and wants directions. *What do you do?*
2. You are walking home. Someone you do not know drives up and tells you that your mom wants you to ride home with them. *What do you do?*
3. You are outside with your friends. A stranger offers you your favorite kind of candy. *What do you do?*
4. Your parents are not home. The doorbell rings. When you look outside, you see a stranger at the door. *What do you do?*
5. You are shopping with your mom at the mall. You get lost and cannot find her. *What do you do?*
6. You are riding your bicycle from school. You have a flat tire on your bike. A stranger stops and offers to take you and your bike home. *What do you do?*



*For more information on child safety, call:*

Orange County Sheriff's Office  
Homeland Security Section  
407-254-7100

Children's Safety Village  
407-521-4673

Youth Services  
(D.A.R.E., S.R.O. Programs)  
407-254-7380



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PROTECTING  
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## What is a “Stranger?”

Parents, explain to your children that a stranger is anyone they do not know! A stranger can be a man or woman, well-dressed or shabby, nice or threatening, attractive or unattractive. Tell them that when they are alone or away from home, a STRANGER EQUALS DANGER. That sometimes a stranger may try to trick them by saying, “I know your mom or dad,” or “Don’t you remember me?” Develop a SECRET CODE WORD to use in the event that you ever need to send someone your children do not know to pick them up.

## If Your Child is Missing...

IMMEDIATELY report this information to the Sheriff’s Office or your local law enforcement agency. This will ensure that your child is entered in the NCIC/FCIC computer system. Our deputies will work with you in locating your child. Keep a current color photograph of your child to give to the deputy to assist others in locating and identifying your child.

## Safety Tips for Children

- ◆ Learn your name, address, and phone number.
- ◆ Learn about 9-1-1 and how to call for help.
- ◆ Walk and play with others. The “buddy system” is a good safety tool.
- ◆ DO NOT accept rides from strangers.
- ◆ Never enter a house or building with a stranger.
- ◆ If a person drives up to ask directions, do not approach the car. Walk or run away from the stranger in the car.
- ◆ If anyone should grab you, SCREAM, jerk free, and run away as fast as you can! Tell the first adult you see what happened.
- ◆ If you are home alone, keep the house locked and never open the door to anyone you do not know. Never tell a caller you are home alone.
- ◆ No one, not even someone you know, has the right to touch you in any way that makes you feel uncomfortable. You have a right to say “NO” to an adult in this situation.
- ◆ Always take the safest route when walking to school or to your friend’s house. (Discuss these safe routes with your parents.) Shortcuts through wooded areas and construction sites are very dangerous!