



LET'S TALK ABOUT PREVENTING CHILD ABDUCTIONS



REALITY OF CHILD ABDUCTIONS

- Of the kids who are abducted, most are taken by a family member or an acquaintance; 25% of kids are taken by strangers.
- Most kids who are reported missing have run away or there has been a misunderstanding with their parents about where they were supposed to be.



About 2,100 missing-children reports are filed each day in the U.S.

WAYS TO PREVENT ABDUCTIONS

- Make online safety a priority. The internet is a place that predators utilize to stalk kids. Be aware of your kids' internet activities and remind them never to give out personal information. Avoid posting identifying information or photos of your kids online.
- When you are out with your child, supervise them and set boundaries.
- Never leave kids alone in a car or stroller, even for a minute.
- Choose caregivers carefully and check their references.



TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT STRANGERS

Talk to your kids often about safety, and give them the basics on how to avoid and escape potentially dangerous situations.

TEACH CHILDREN TO:

- Never accept candy or gifts from a stranger.
- Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger asks personal questions, or makes them feel uncomfortable, even if they promised not to tell anyone.
- Always ask permission from a parent to leave the house or to go into someone's home.
- Run away and scream if someone follows them or tries to force them into a car.
- Never go anywhere with a stranger, even if it sounds like fun.



IF YOUR CHILD IS ABDUCTED

The first few hours are the most critical. It's important to contact your local police and report it right away. Have a recent picture of your child ready, along with a description of what the child was wearing, and details about when and where you last saw your child. You can ask that your child's case be entered into the National Crime and Information Center (NCIC). Other clearinghouses such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (800-843-5678) can offer information and support during your search.

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