

HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS

CHILD SAFETY

Children need to know how to stay safe and protect themselves from kidnapping. They need guidance on making safe choices and decisions. Give children examples that they will understand. Pose what if scenarios and guide your children through the scenario safely. Correct any un-safe choices and re-enforce safe choices.

Teach your children to:

- Never take anything like candy, ice cream, or money from a stranger. Explain that a stranger may look, act, and dress nicely or even wear a uniform.
- Never take a ride from a stranger; always check with parents before taking a ride even with someone they know.
- Never give their name or address to a stranger.
- Never say they are home alone when answering the phone.
- Check with a parent or guardian when leaving the yard or play area. Always try to take a friend when playing outside.
- If your child is lost in a store, instruct your child not to wander around but to go the checkout counter, security office or seek help from someone who works at the store.
- Create a commotion by yelling or screaming if a stranger tries to take them by force. Try and get away and immediately tell a parent or trusted adult what happened.