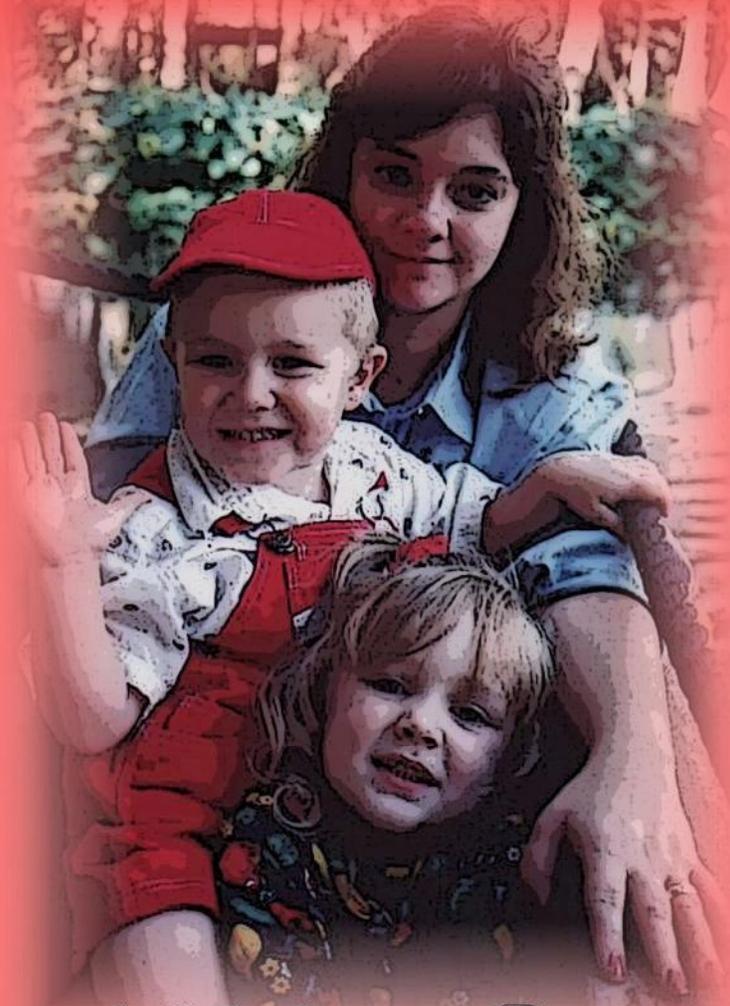


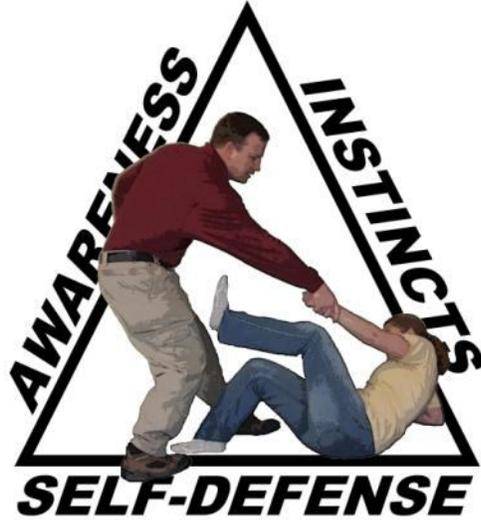
Parent Guide



& Child Safety Kit

Providing children with the skills to recognize, and then avoid or escape, potentially dangerous situations.

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A resource from Protecting His Gifts

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A word of precaution: This Parent Manual & Child Safety Kit contains information obtained from experienced and highly regarded sources, and great care has been taken to publish reliable information. Although the suggestions contained in the kit are helpful in developing good safety habits, there is no guarantee that a child will not be injured or harmed even with the use of these tips, skills, and techniques.

“Research of effective child safety training has shown the more prepared a child is to defend them self, the less likely they will ever have to.”



PARENTS

I want to thank you for the opportunity to share safety tips and abduction prevention skills with you and your child. Please keep in mind, your child's lead instructor in their safety training is you. You will have more peace of mind, and your child will be more confident and less fearful, if you spend time together practicing what to do in case they run into a predatory criminal. You know your child better than anyone, and what is best when it comes to their safety!

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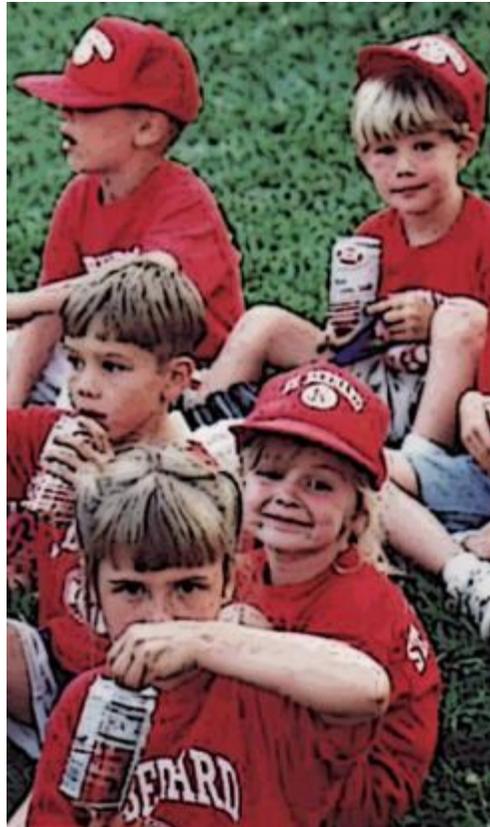
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Child ID Kits

It's important for parents to realize that a child ID kit by itself will not keep your child safe, but it will provide vital information if your child ever goes missing. Some naïve parents rely solely on a child id kit and feel they've done something about the unthinkable – so they no longer need to think about it. It's not only a false sense of security, it's dangerous!

These kits **DO NOT** protect your child from harm; having the ability to identify your child's remains is hardly a prevention measure they will thank you for later. ("Nadia, we're sorry we never taught you abduction prevention skills, but if you ever turn up in a ditch we're prepared").

While there are evil people in our world, the problem of missing children has been exploited more than any other topic parents face today. Many organizations work on people's fears, and speak of hundreds of thousands of children taken yearly, but never tell you that on average only 120 of these cases is the stereotypical stranger abduction. The vast majority of abducted children are by parents,



family members, and acquaintances. Over ¹99.8% of these children come home. Traffic hazards are a much greater danger to your child than a kidnapper. As parents we teach our kids how to cross the street by giving them the necessary rules and practice until they show us they know what to do. It is also possible for us to teach kids what to do if they become lost, or are approached by someone questionable; much in the same way we teach them how to cross a street. The safety kit can help give you a head start on their safety education.

"Stranger Danger" Does Not Work

¹ National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway and Thrown away Children, 2002, U.S. Department of Justice

Since most children are taken, and victimized by people they know you will understand why the outdated "Stranger Danger" training doesn't work. It's not practical and kids do NOT understand it, simply because we tell our kids inadvertently to talk to strangers all the time. It is a confusing message to say "don't talk to strangers" and then an hour

later tell your daughter "Say hello to the nice lady" line. Strangers want your child safe, but on strangely, even

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course, they should only talk to them when you are around, and you have given them permission. Talk to your child about why you felt comfortable for them to talk to certain strangers and not others. They need to build their intuition and learn to trust it, just in case they need to make the same determination on their own.

As a fifteen year law enforcement veteran, I have worked specifically as a youth officer, investigator, and crime scene investigator. I have investigated, and researched, hundreds of incidents of attempted abductions and actual kidnappings. In every case that a child successfully eluded a predatory criminal it was with the help of a stranger. The key is for your child to PICK their helper by trusting their intuition and not to wait for someone to pick them.

Need Help? Pick a Woman!

A good rule to follow is for your child to pick a woman if they need help from a stranger. Women will get involved and stay involved until your child has help, and it is highly unlikely that the woman will be a sexual predator. Men sometimes lack the compassion to become completely involved and will just give the child advice on where they should go for help. I know this may not sound politically correct but I'm not a politician. I'm a child safety specialist who faces the reality that men in all cultures and at all ages are far more violent than women. Teaching your child to go to a woman (especially one with children) in an emergency may be the easiest and most important rule they will follow for their safety. Make sure to teach your child that in an emergency they should choose someone rather than waiting for someone to choose the. Even if they pick a man the odds of a child picking out another predatory criminal is extremely unlikely.

Make Sure Predators aren't Holding the ²ACE

As a parent you want to work to block the approachability of your child from sexual predators. A criminal that abducts a child from a public location must first have **ACCESS** to the child. This means the criminal will try to get closer to your child than you are. Second he will look for **COVER**, even for a brief moment when you or other adults can't see what is happening. And then to **ESCAPE** with the child is the last step he is looking to achieve. This may mean a door to the outside or into a Mall area. The three elements; **ACCESS**, **COVER**, and **ESCAPE** are known

² From the book ~ Protecting the Gift by Gavin deBecker

as an “**ACE**”, and if the predator has the ACE, he will trump all your cards and take your child.

You want to automatically start evaluating each different environment that you are in with your child just like a predator would. If you find someone closer to your child than you, especially with an ability to have cover, and more importantly an easy route of escape then you are too far away from your child. Simply cut off the access people have to your child and you have trumped their ACE. If someone is closer to your child than you, but you are by the only exit from the area you have trumped their ACE again. A good rule of thumb: if your child is further away from you than you would normally allow your purse or briefcase to be in a public place – they are too far! Which one needs more protection and is irreplaceable?

Exclude People Quickly

You can add to your child’s safety by making careful and deliberate choices about the people you include in their life, and fast choices about the people you exclude. If you have a suspicion about a baby sitter or a friend being inappropriate with your child, exclude them immediately. Your intuition is reacting to a real concern. Don’t try to install hidden cameras or conduct some secret investigation giving them even more opportunities to hurt your child. Exclude them!

Another item to exclude from your children is the news. It is filled with inaccurate information that creates unwarranted fears in adults, let alone children. Fear is no way to enhance your child’s safety. They already live in the real world so you don’t need to expose them to unreal media. The news should be rated R for most young children.

How to Decide When They're Ready

Only you, as a parent, know when your child is ready for the next step. You must decide when your child is old enough to understand what predatory strategies look like, old enough and confident enough to resist them, assertive enough to seek out help, empowered enough to use the word NO – and enforce it. Until they are able to convince you of these abilities they are too young to be their own protector, period.

Talk to your children about the correct way to use the techniques in this guide and use role playing to ensure they truly understand what you want them to do. Don't try to scare them with the details of why they need these skills, just focus on the skills. We have found that kids are already worried about what they hear and see on TV, and they are usually relieved that someone is finally showing them how to stay safe! They are eager to learn safety skills, and have a lot of fun practicing them during our presentations, and will also have fun practicing them with you. The child who can protect himself or herself is less attractive to a predator. The irony of effective safety training, is the more prepared a child is to protect them self the less likely they will ever have to.



TEACHING CHILDREN

Teaching your son or daughter safety skills can be empowering for both you and your child. Practicing these coping strategies doesn't usually scare a child, unless you convey fear. So just try to be very matter-of-fact and have fun. Teaching safety is an on-going process, but it doesn't have to be scary. Start now, but routinely return to the topic all the way through the teen years.

Safe Adults

Teach your child that SAFE ADULTS are the people chosen by you as a parent or guardian. They are the *ONLY* people who can pick them up from school, take them to appointments, and look out for them when you aren't around. Only you (the parent) can pick your child's other SAFE ADULTS, and make sure they understand that you will introduce them in person to each of their SAFE ADULTS so there is never any questions. Since your child will know their SAFE ADULTS ahead of time no one can try to trick them by saying they were sent by you to pick them up.

You should have at least three SAFE ADULTS (grandparents, aunts, family friends, etc.) for your children to rely on in case of an emergency. Young children can have enough trouble remembering their own information so you want to put their SAFE ADULTS close at hand, or foot. Yes, I said foot. A great way for your kids to keep important information on them is by putting it in their shoes. Put the names and phone numbers of all their SAFE ADULTS on a card and have it

laminated. Put it under the insole in each pair of shoes they wear and they will always have the information ready at hand, or foot.

Strangers

What to Teach Kids: Strangers are just people we don't know, and most of them are good people who would never hurt a kid. It's not strangers kids should be worried about but strange behavior. When anyone that is not your SAFE ADULT, tries to get you to go with them or does something that makes you feel uncomfortable, get away from them and find someone who can help. Even if it's someone you know acting strange, get away and let your SAFE ADULTS know about it.

Normally, the only time you should talk to a stranger is with a SAFE ADULT's permission. Sometimes you need help in an emergency and a stranger may be the only option. If someone is trying to grab you, follow you, or take you with them you should look for someone close by who can help. The best stranger for a kid to go to for help is a woman. Women are quick to help any kid in need, and they will commonly stay there until a parent or police officer arrives. If there isn't a woman around then pick a man. Since most people are good there isn't much of a chance that you would pick a bad person to help you.

Another good place to look for help is a store or business. Go inside and find a woman or one of the workers and let them know you need help. The easiest place to find a worker is at the cash registers in the front of the store. Don't wait in line, go up and tell them you need help. Ask them to call the police and your SAFE ADULT. You can give the

person the card from your shoe with the names and phone numbers for your SAFE ADULTS. Stay inside the store until help arrives.

Also talk to your child about what it means to trust their intuition. Remind them to always trust their gut instincts in an emergency. If something feels wrong they should get away from that person fast.

Tricky People

What to Teach Kids: There are a few people in the world who might try to hurt a kid. We don't always know why, but we do know they use tricks to get kids to go with them voluntarily. They use lies and tell stories to make kids think they need their help, or they are a friend. Remember, never go with anyone who is not your SAFE ADULT no matter what they say.

One trick these people use is to call you by your name, so you think the person knows you. They usually see your name on your clothes, on a book bag, or hear a friend say it. Even if someone knows your name it isn't okay to go with them or even talk to them. Let your SAFE ADULTS know someone knows your name and get away from that person.

One of the most common tricks used is when the person tells a kid they are looking for their lost dog and need help. They know kids love dogs and will want to help. DON'T! This is a trick. Adults shouldn't ask kids for help. Some of them will even say they are looking for a lost kid.

Another way they make kids think they need help is to act lost and show the kid a map. This is just another trick like the lost dog routine. Don't fall for it. If they really needed directions they would ask another adult or a police officer. All these tricks are used to get you to come

closer to that person than you normally would. Stay back and get away!

Other Key Safety Tips for Kids

- Check first. If anyone (even someone your age) offers you something or invites you somewhere, ask a SAFE ADULT first.
- Hang with a friend. Kids are safer in groups by using the Buddy System.
- It's not your fault if someone hurts you or tricks you. Be sure to tell a SAFE ADULT—it's not tattling.
- If you are home alone, keep the doors and windows locked. Don't answer the door, or let anyone in, without checking first with a SAFE ADULT. If the phone rings let the answering machine take the call. Never tell anyone you are home alone.
- Kids should yell "No, this is not my dad", then run away and tell if an adult tries to trick them or tries to take them away.
- Break the rules if you're in danger. Yell, run, throw your book bag, and even knock over boxes in the store to get attention.
- It's okay to call 9-1-1 if you need help right away.

Other Key Safety Tips for Parents

Train your children to check first before accepting anything from other adults, before helping someone older, or before going anywhere with anyone. If the clerk in the store offers a piece of candy, even if you're right there, a child should always respond, "I have to check first." Checking first with a SAFE ADULT should be their response for most instances in life.

- Help your child say “No!” to adults. Children who are polite and compliant are at risk. Children are safer when they can recognize adults breaking the adult rules (like offering treats or asking for help), and can say “No!” and come tell you.
- Encourage children to tell you (or another trusted adult) if someone has made them afraid or uncomfortable. Ask: “Who could you tell if you couldn’t tell me?” Tell them: “Keep on telling until someone helps you.”
- As children become more independent, be sure they use the buddy system. Kids are safer in groups of two or more. Check to see if their friends understand safety skills and techniques so they will react quickly in case of an encounter of a predatory criminal.
- Teach children about sex and sexuality. If this embarrasses you, tell them, “The private parts of your body are the parts covered by a swimming suit. No one is allowed to touch your private parts except sometimes a doctor when mom or dad is there with you.” Make sure they understand that they should never touch anyone in the swimsuit zone either.
- Listen to your children when they talk about family members or other adults who make them feel uncomfortable or scared.



Children's instincts are often accurate. Don't force a child to be around someone they don't feel comfortable with. Tell family members you have to trust your child's instincts to insure they will continue to use them.

- Assure children that should they ever become separated from you, you will always look for them. Tell them to stay where they are and yell out loud for you. Then they can go to a cashier to ask for help
- Set an example of good safety habits for your child. For example, always tell kids how long you will be gone and where you can be reached. And call home if plans change! They will follow your example.
- Help your children talk freely about themselves and their feelings. Children who feel listened to are less likely to seek approval from inappropriate people.
- Know your neighbors and your children's friends and parents. Keep a list of their phone numbers and addresses.
- Be sure your child's day care center, youth organization, and school screen employees.
- Make sure the labels on kids' clothing and belongings are not visible. Knowledge of children's names can be used to gain their trust or put them off guard.
- Contact your local Sheriff's office for information on sex offenders in your area. In Ohio you can go online and enter your zip code into the database of the local Sheriff's office or the Ohio Attorney General and you will have the information on every sex offender living within that area.

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#1 Parents or Guardians at home

#2 Teacher or Principal when you are at school

#3 _____

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#5 _____

#6 _____

#7 _____



KEEP YOUR SAFE ADULTS CLOSE

The safest place to be is with one of your SAFE ADULTS all the time, but that is not always possible. Having their information close by is the next best thing.

Just in case you need to call one of your SAFE ADULTS, or you need to give the information to someone who is helping you, the information will be right there. A great place to keep the information is in your shoes. Have your parents write the names and phone numbers for your SAFE ADULTS on a card and laminate it with plastic. Then stick one of the cards under the insole of each pair of shoes you normally wear. Now you always have the information with you in case of an emergency.

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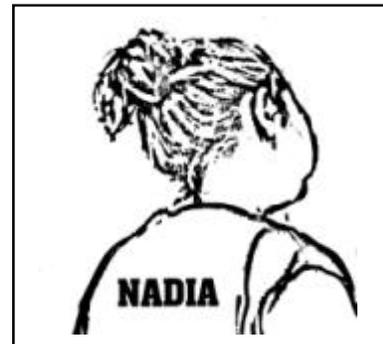
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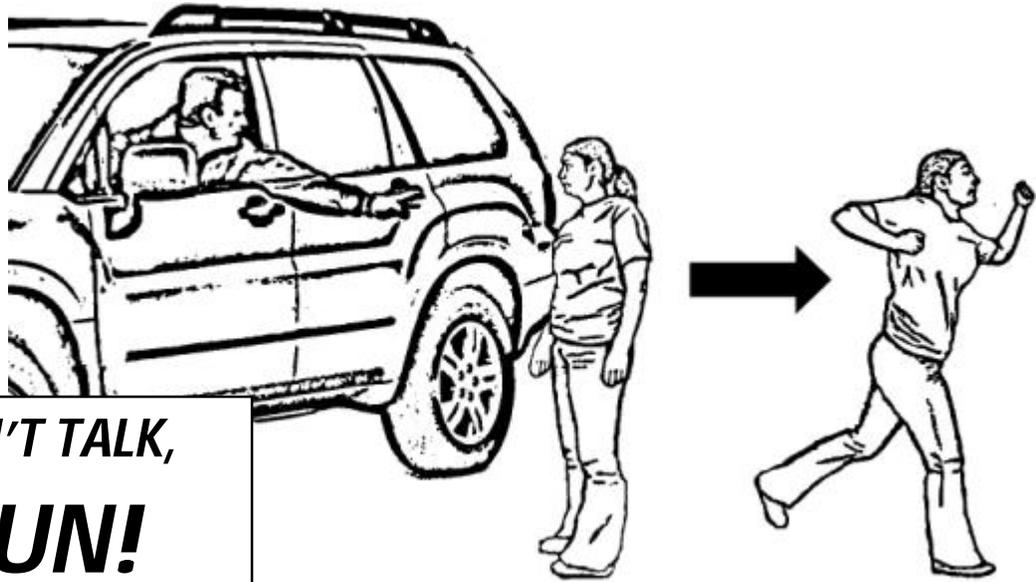
THE SAFE CIRCLE

Even though the SAFE CIRCLE is imaginary you should always visualize it around you. No one should come into your circle except for your family and close friends. The SAFE CIRCLE is big so it can protect you.

If someone else tries to come into your circle put your hands up in front of your chest and tell them to stop. Tell them to go away and back up to keep them out of your circle. If they come closer run in the opposite direction and yell for your SAFE ADULT or someone else who can help you.

Talk to your parents about who should be allowed within your safe circle and who should not.



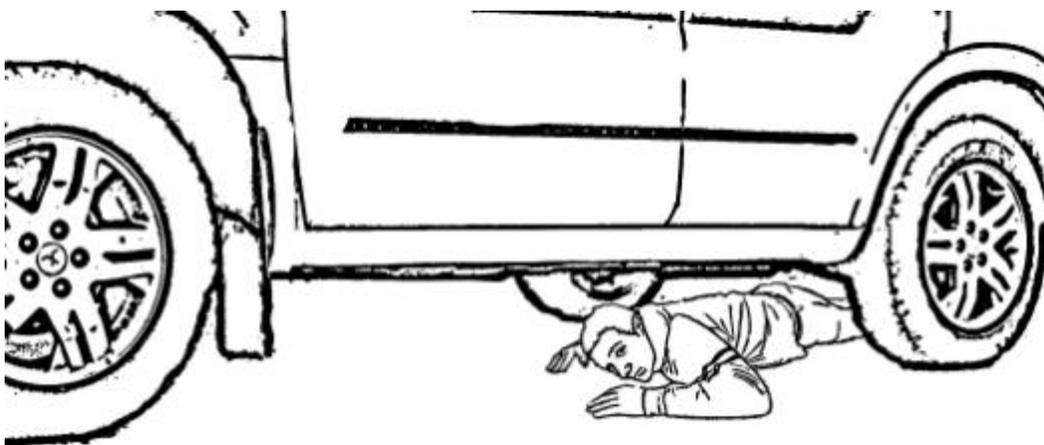


***DON'T TALK,
RUN!***

If someone approaches you in a car (and they are not one of your Safe Adults) get away fast! Don't talk to them even if you know them! Adults shouldn't be asking kids for help for any reason. Make sure you run in the opposite direction from which the car is pointing. That way they have to turn completely around to follow you, and that gives you time to find someone who can help you or hide.

NO HELP? HIDE!

The best hiders are kids. If someone is following you find somewhere to hide that is hard for them to get to you like under a parked car or behind some bushes. Use your imagination to think of places around your neighborhood where you could hide from someone.



SHIELD ON WHEELS

If someone approaches you on your bike and you don't have the chance to ride away get off and use it as a shield. Stick it between you and the other person to block their ability to touch you.



Yell loud and tell them to go away and leave you alone. If they still try to come closer, or grab at you, shove your bike into them and run in the opposite direction. Look for someone who can help you and keep yelling for help!



STICK LIKE GLUE

If you're on a bike and someone grabs you; hold onto the frame of your bike as tight as you can. Stick to it like glue! The extra weight and awkward size of a bike makes it hard for someone to pull you away, and makes it nearly impossible to get you into a car with your arms wrapped around a bicycle.

You can also grab other objects if someone is trying to pull you away. Grab a mailbox, sign post, tree, pole, or anything that will make it hard to move you from where you are.

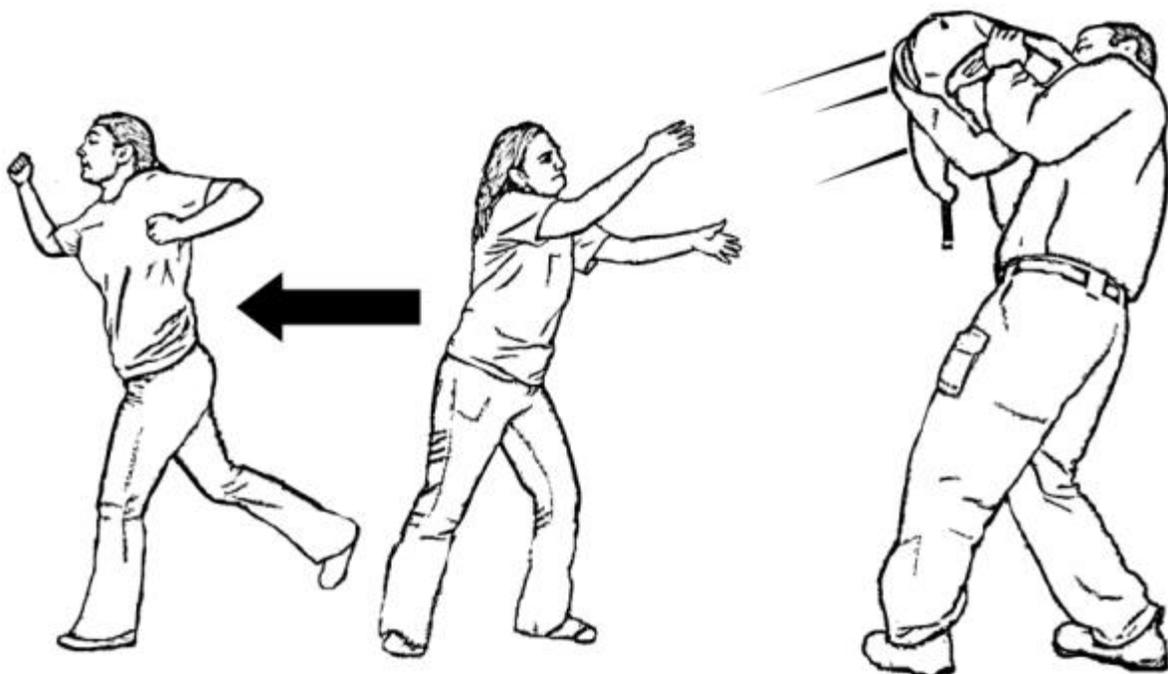
Don't forget to yell out loud for help! Even if they say to stop yelling or they'll hurt you, keep yelling. They want you to stop so no one will come to help you.





BOOK BAG TOSS

If someone approaches you and tries to grab you, a book bag can be used as a distraction. Throw it directly at their face and run in the opposite direction. It will give you a chance to get away and find someone who can help. You can also use books, lunch boxes, or anything you have in your hands as a distraction. Make sure to yell out for help!



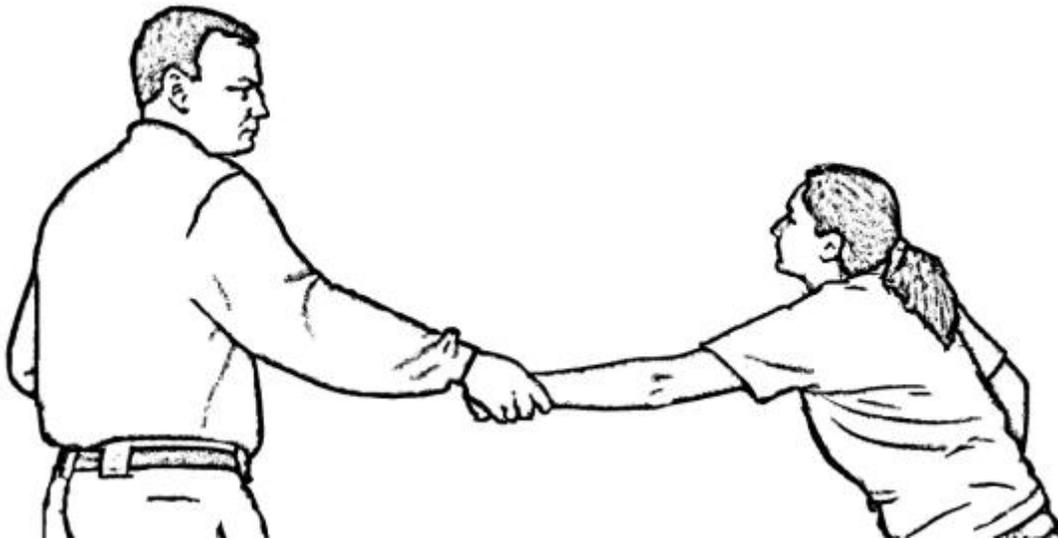


NO RULES

If someone grabs you in a store and tries to take you with them all the normal rules stop! You can do whatever it takes to draw the attention of other people who can help you. You can knock items off shelves, break stuff, kick, bite, and yell! You won't get into trouble for protecting yourself!

You also can drop to the ground and wrap your arms or legs around poles or display racks in the store. By slowing the person down you are giving more time for other people to help you. Continue yelling out things like "I need help, this is not my dad"!

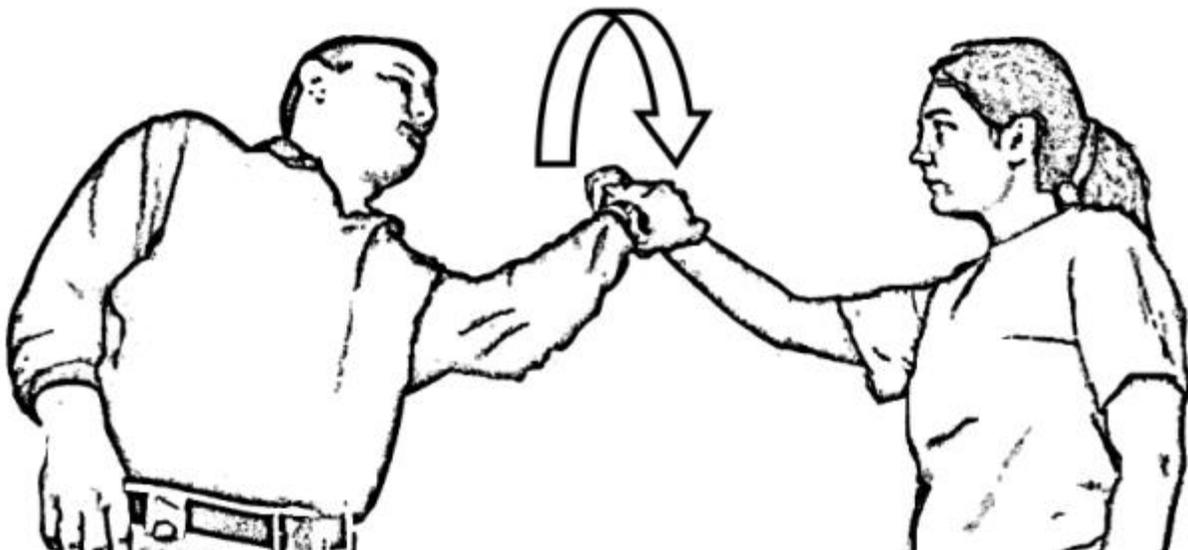


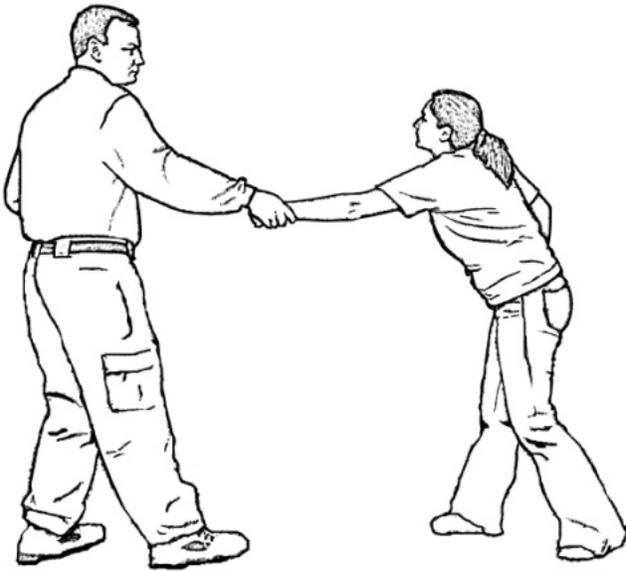


THE TWISTER

If someone grabs your wrist you can use the "Twister". Simply rotate your arm down and in towards the middle of your body, and then up and to the outside of your body. It's like make a big circle with your arm. It will usually break the grip they have on your wrist, and you can run away and get help.

Remember to yell for help!





SIT & KICK

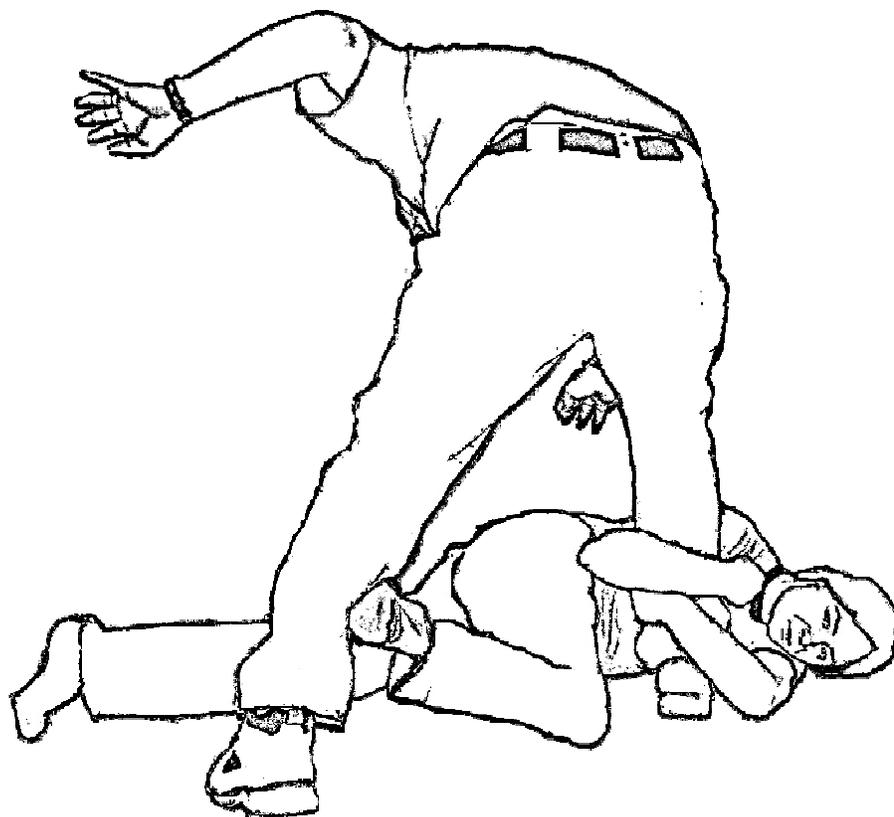
If you have trouble breaking their grip, immediately drop to the ground. It makes it really hard for someone to pull you along with your weight on the ground.



You can use your feet by kicking their knees or groin area. Once their hold is broken use the crab walk to back away from them and then run away and find help.



Don't forget to yell for help! Yell "this is not my father, I need help! NO!"

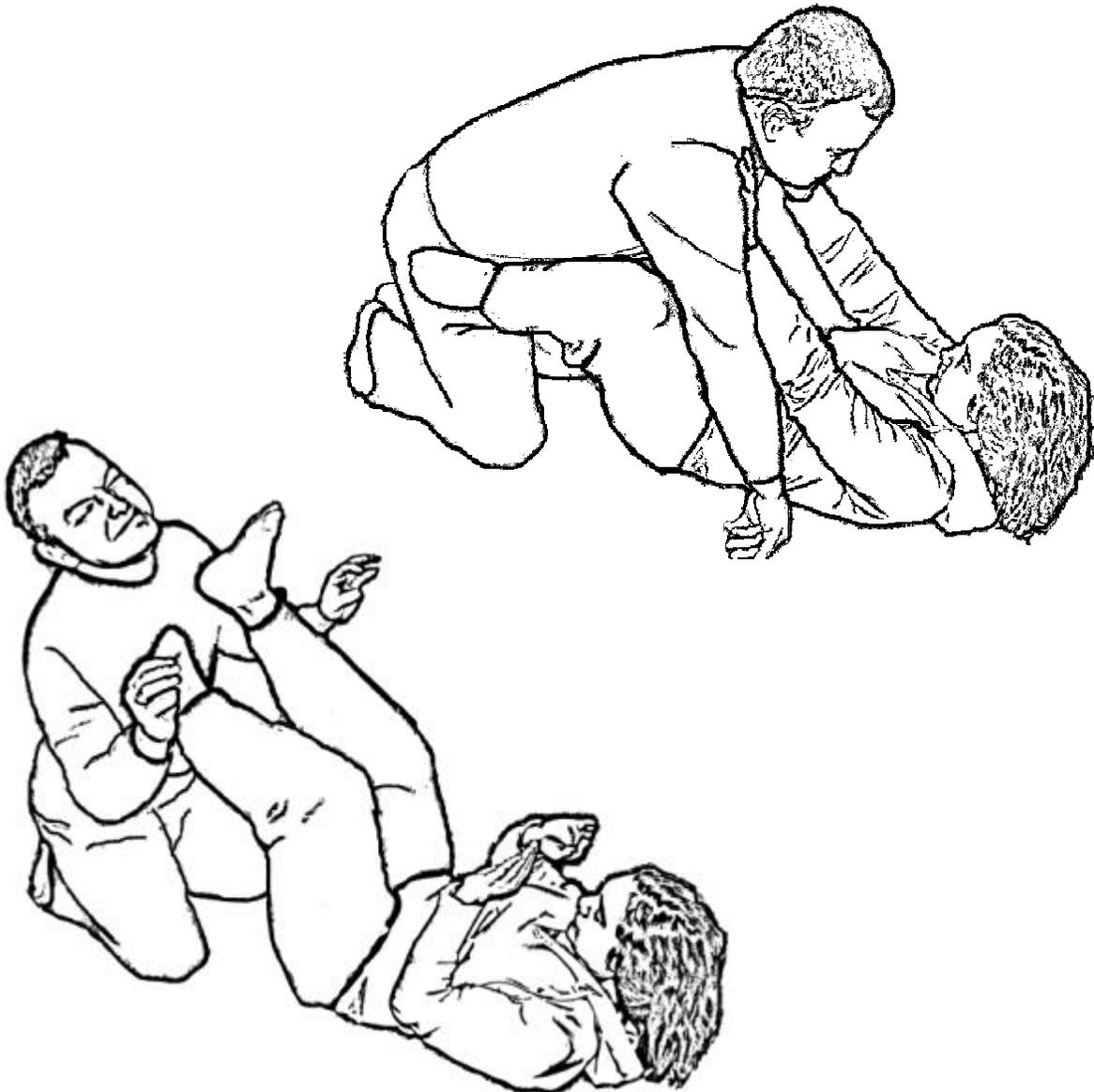


DROP, GRIP, & KICK

If you are on the ground and someone is still pulling you away, or toward a vehicle, you need to keep yelling for help and try to slow them down. A good technique to use is Drop, Grip, & Kick. Simply wrap around the person's leg like you did to your parents leg when you were little. Use at least one leg and begin to kick their opposite leg. With one leg in your arms and the other leg being kicked by you, it's impossible for them to keep dragging you. Hopefully they will give up and when they are trying to get away you can decide when it's appropriate to let go. When you get up make sure to run in the opposite direction and find someone who can help you. Keep yelling for help!

IN YOUR FACE

If a person falls, or tries to jump on top of you it can be scary, but your legs are very strong. Put your feet into their hip joints and your hands on their shoulders. You want to push yourself out from underneath them. Wiggle your own shoulders until you have enough room to start walking up their body and kick them in the chest and face. Crab walk backwards and run away to find someone who can help. Don't forget to yell for help!



EYE GOUGE

If someone that is not your SAFE ADULT gets you into a car try to get out and run. If they won't let you out then you can jump into their lap and gouge their eye with your thumb. They will have to stop the car, or may even crash which will also stop the car. No matter what they say try to get out. Run away and find help!



CAR ESCAPES

If you find yourself in a car and the person won't let you out, pull the wires under the dash to disable the vehicle. Try anything you can think of.

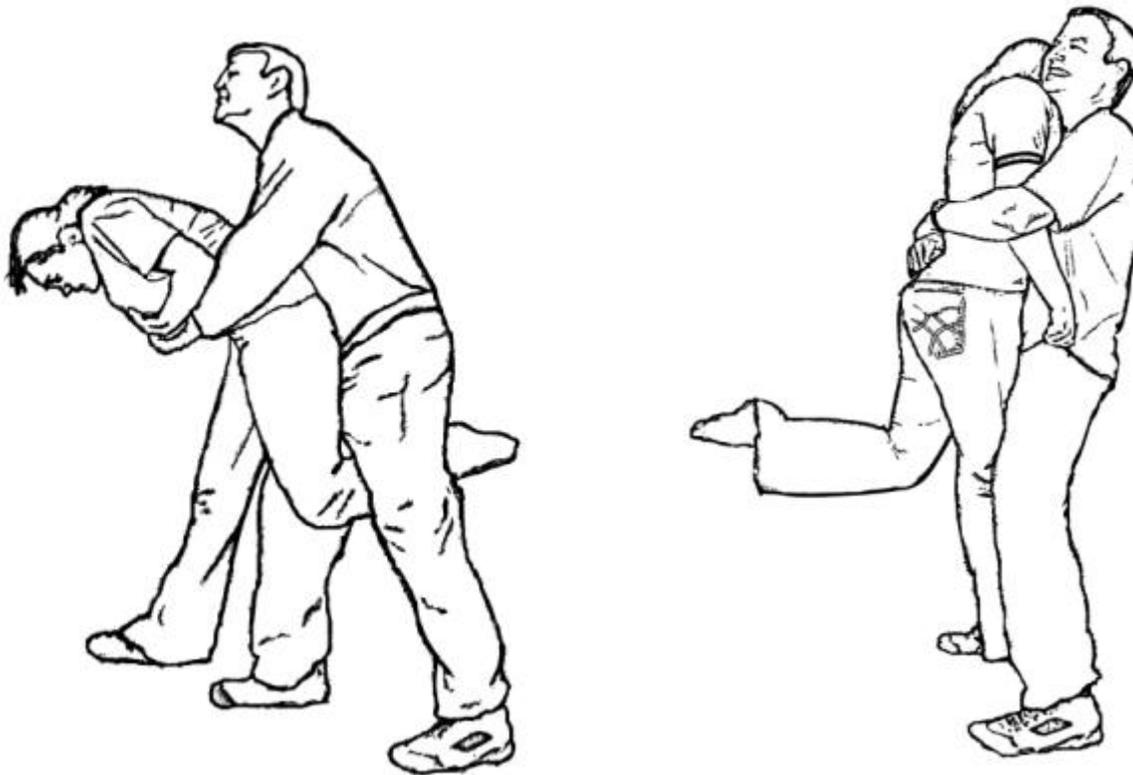


If you're ever stuck in a car trunk there is a couple of things you should try to get out. Most new cars have a little handle in the trunk that is an emergency release. Just pull it and the trunk opens! If the trunk doesn't have an emergency handle look for the wires going to the brake lights. Pull the lights out or break the wires completely off. Once the brake lights stop working the car is twice as likely to be stopped by a police officer.



If a police officer stops the car you will be able to get help for sure.

Never give up, keep trying to get out of the car, and away from the person.



BICYCLE KICK

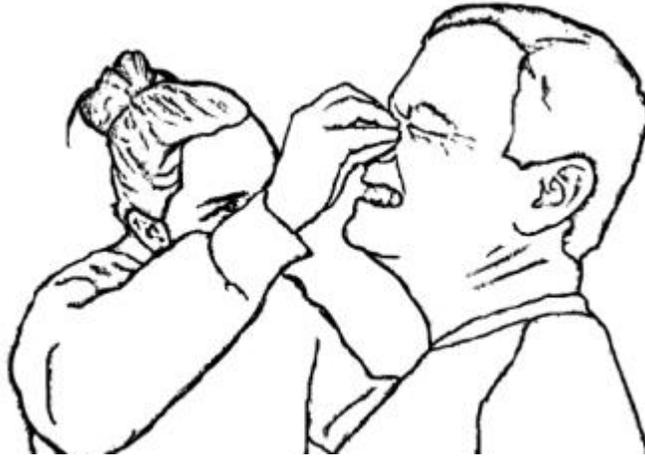
If someone picks you up and tries to carry you off the bicycle kick can stop them in their tracks. Just move your legs like you are peddling a bike. The person will be struck in the groin by your foot or by your knee (depending on which way you're facing).



You can also follow-up with an elbow strike by grabbing your own fist and forcing your elbow back into the persons face. When they drop you run away and find someone who can help you. Remember to yell for help!

EYE POKE

If someone grabs you an eye poke can make them let go. Thrust your fingers into their eye as hard as you can. Use all your fingers and thumb by forming them into a snake. When they let go run away and find help. Make sure to yell out for help!



PALM STRIKE

If someone grabs you and tries to take you with them you can use a palm strike to make them let go. Repeatedly thrust your palm into their nose as hard as you can. When they let go run away and find help. Make sure to yell out for help!



SAFETY TIPS

1. Know your SAFE ADULTS and keep their information somewhere on you, like in your shoes.
2. Don't talk to people you don't know, unless a SAFE ADULT is with you and tells you it is okay.
3. Don't go out or play alone. Use the buddy system, and always have a friend with you.
4. When you are home alone, keep the door closed and locked to everyone. Only answer the door if your SAFE ADULT is with you and tells you it's alright. If someone calls let the answering machine pick up, and never tell anyone you are alone at home. If you need help anytime call 911.
5. Don't let people into your SAFE CIRCLE. Run away and tell your SAFE ADULT.



6. Watch out for tricky people. Don't fall for tricks!
7. Never get into, or go near a car unless one of your SAFE ADULTS tells you its okay. Never go anywhere, with anyone, until you have checked with a SAFE ADULT first.
8. If you need help from a stranger try to find a woman, especially one with children. Tell them why you need help, and give them your SAFE ADULTS information so they can contact them for you.

Safety Kit

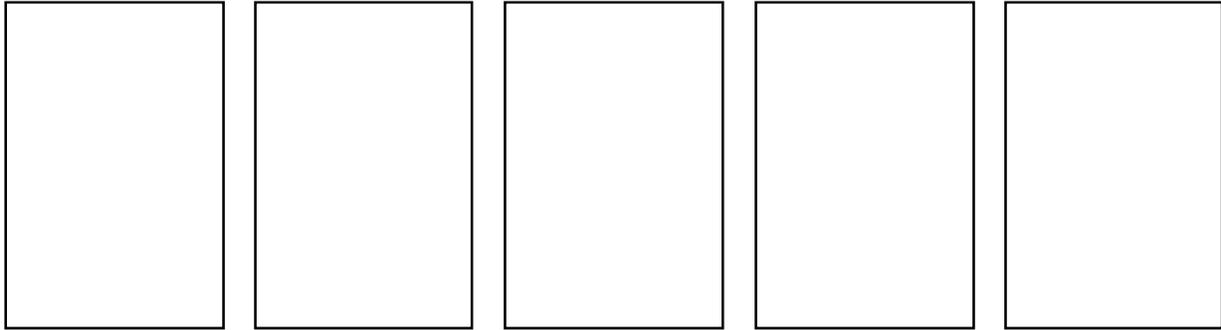
The Fingerprint & DNA Document by itself will not keep your child safe, but it will provide vital information if your child ever goes missing. Complete it, update it often, and keep it in a safe place. You might want to fill out this Document with your child by asking the questions and letting your child provide the answers. That way you'll find out what you need to teach. If your child asks why you're doing this, simply say, "So we'll have all the information about you in one place in case of an emergency." Update photographs and record new height and weight measurements every six months for younger children and at least yearly after age six. In completing this Document you've prepared for a most unlikely emergency.

Fingerprinting Instructions

Read all instructions first! Practice on paper before applying prints. A flat print is acceptable for identification when the center of the fingerprint is clear and unsmudged. Rolling the finger is NOT necessary and may smear the print. For very small children you may do all four fingers at once. If the prints are not clear, keep trying on a separate sheet of paper until you get good prints. Store the sheet with the Fingerprint & DNA Document.

- Use a black stamp pad that makes clear prints.
- Hold your child's finger rigid, placing your forefinger over theirs.
- Lightly place child's finger on ink, then lightly apply to correct space on the fingerprint card. If possible have a police officer roll the prints.

RIGHT HAND



THUMB

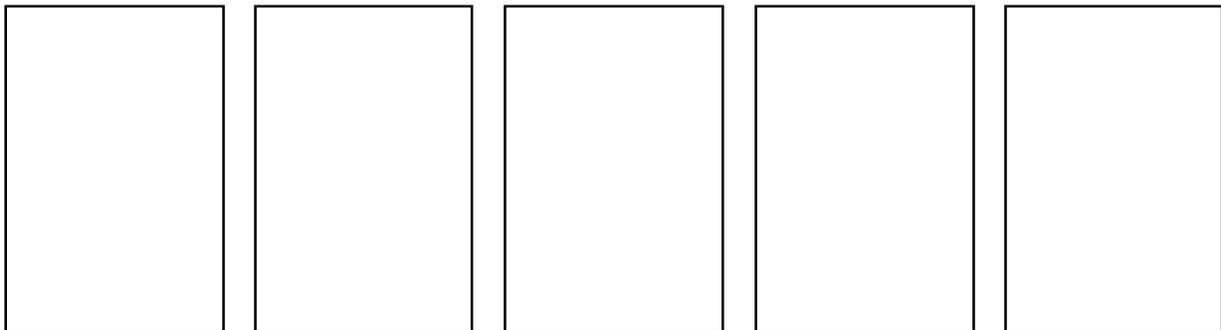
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Place a head & shoulders color photo here.
Update it every year (every six months for younger children).

Protecting His Gifts does not assume responsibility for the quality of information and/or fingerprints contained within. For best results, fingerprinting should be done by a trained police officer.

**KEEP THIS
DOCUMENT IN A
SAFE PLACE**

Place your child's hair sample here. Include 25 to 50 strands with root attached. Collect them using a clean hairbrush. Seal them in a plastic bag and keep it in a safe place with this safety kit.

Enter the following information with your child.

My name is _____ **Date** _____

My address is _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

My phone number is _____

My eye color _____ **Hair color** _____

My birth date _____ **Height** _____ **Weight** _____

My race _____ **My special identifications (pierced ears, birthmarks, scars, etc.)** _____

_____ **Blood type** _____

My doctor _____ **Phone** _____

My dentist _____ **Phone** _____

My mother's name _____

Mother's address _____

Mother's phone _____ **Work** _____

My father's name _____

Father's address _____

Father's phone _____ **Work** _____

Resources for Parents

***The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
www.ncmec.org & www.missingkids.com***

***Internet Safety Information for parents
www.netsmartz411.org***

Child Safe Network www.chilsafenetwork.org

Keep Our Children Safe www.pollyklaas.org

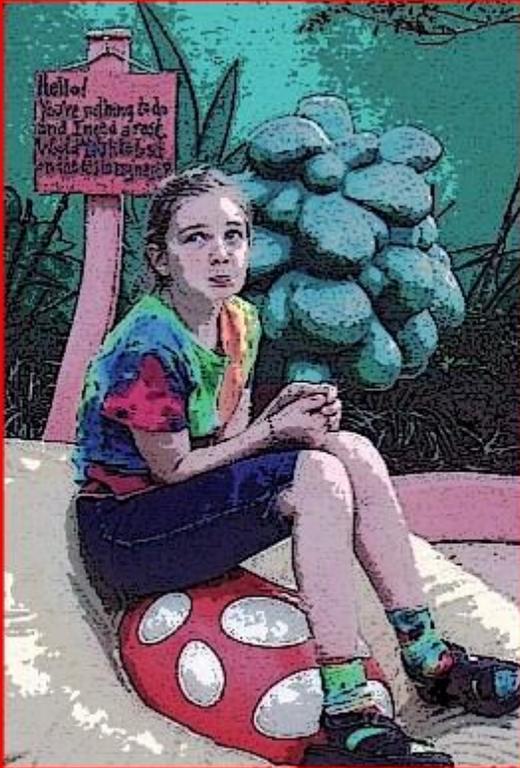
Kids Health www.kidshealth.org

The Joyful Child Foundation www.joyfulchild.org

Bullying Prevention www.backoffbully.com

Drug Prevention www.abovetheinfluence.org

Parent Drug Information www.theantidrug.org & www.drugfree.org



“The decision to have a child is momentous, because it is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.”

*~Author and mother
Elizabeth Stone*