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Safety

Socorro Independent School District

Tips

Teaching Students Personal Safety

- Teach children how to anticipate and avoid potential hazards and dangers. Prevention is the first and most important element in personal safety and self-defense.
- Take an interest in your children's daily travels and activities. Map out safe, well-traveled routes for your children to follow. Don't allow children to take short cuts or make unnecessary stops along the way.
- Encourage your children to travel with other trustworthy children. Make a point to get to know who your children are with. Write down their names, addresses and phone numbers and familiarize yourself with their parents whenever possible. If you allow your children to visit a friend's home, meet the family first to make sure you are comfortable with the supervision and the environment.
- Teach your children to obey all traffic safety rules and regulations. Make sure you set a good example for them.
- Teach your children the "tricks" that strangers may use to get them into cars or follow them to other areas. These tricks may include offers of candy or money, asking for help in finding a lost pet, asking for directions and then pulling them into a car, or saying they were sent by parents to pick them up.
- Make sure your children know what to do if they are confronted by a stranger. Children should keep their distance from strangers and not allow strangers to get close enough to grab them. Children should be thought to say "no" to a stranger's request or advance and should tell a responsible adult what happened.
- Teach children the difference between "good touch" and "bad touching", and encourage them not to be afraid to talk about these issues. Make sure they know that "bad touching" can be committed by someone who may not be a stranger.