

Ways to Prevent Child Abduction

Young children should be taught the following:

- Their full telephone number and address
- That it is all right to say “no” to an adult if the person wants them to do something that you have taught them is wrong
- That no one has the right to touch any part of their bodies that a bathing suit would cover
- Scream and scatter books and belongings if they are forced toward a building or car
- Move away from a car that pulls up beside them if they do not know the driver



Young children should be told to:

- Tell you, school authorities, or a police officer about anyone who exposes private parts
- Tell you if someone has asked them to keep a secret from you
- Go to the nearest cashier if lost or separated from you in a store or mall

Young children should be taught that they should never:

- Say they are alone if they answer the phone; they can offer to take a message and say that their parents are busy
- Answer the door if they are alone
- Invite anyone into the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter
- Go into people’s houses without letting anyone know where they are
- Get into anyone’s car without permission
- Take candy or other gifts from strangers or anyone else without asking first

If you need additional guidance and support when talking to your children about their safety, do not hesitate to call the Windsor-Essex Children’s Aid Society at 519-252-1171

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You should tell your teens to:

- Tell you where they are at all times or leave a written message at home
- Never hitchhike
- Avoid shortcuts through empty parks, fields, laneways, or alleys
- Run home or go to the nearest public place and yell for help if they are being followed
- Learn to recognize suspicious behaviour and remember a description of the person or vehicle to give to the police. If possible, write the plate number in the dirt or snow.
- If attacked for money, jewellery, or clothing just give it up rather than risk injury
- Feel that they can talk to you and call you to pick them up at any time and at any place if they are feeling uncomfortable

BLOCK



PARENT

Parents should:

- Avoid clothing and toys with a child's name on it. A child is less likely to fear someone that knows their name.
- Check all potential babysitters and older friends of your child.
- Never leave a child alone in a public place, stroller, or car, not even for a minute.
- Always accompany young children to the bathroom in a public place.
- Always accompany your child on door to door activities, i.e. Halloween; school fundraisers; campaigns, etc.
- Point out safe houses or homes with Block Parent signs where children can go if they are in trouble.
- Keep an up to date colour photograph of your child, a medical and dental history, and have your child fingerprinted.

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