Keeping Your Child Safe

- Tell your young child not to go outside alone. They should be with a friend, sibling or trusted adult.
- Make sure your children know their names, phone numbers and addresses and how to reach you using cell phone or pager numbers.
- Teach your children to get out of dangerous or uncomfortable situations immediately and make sure they know that they can tell you about them.
- Tell them what to do if they are scared or if there is an emergency. Have a neighbor or other trusted adult they can call. Make sure they know how to call them.
- Have children tell strangers who ask for directions or help, to ask an adult.
- Tell children they should never accept a ride from a stranger. Tell them in whose car they may ride. Tell them to never approach a car occupied or not, unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
- **Do not** drop children off at malls, movies, parks or arcades. A trusted adult should supervise.
- Caution children to keep the door locked at home. They should not to open it or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone.

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