



# McGruff offers some crime prevention tips for parents

## Teach your children:

1. To memorize their name and address, including city and state, and their phone number (including area code).
2. To never give out their name or address to a stranger. Children should not wear clothing with their name displayed.
3. To use both push-button and dial telephones to call 911 and to reach the operator. Pay phones are free when you dial 911. No money is needed.
4. To never go into your home if the door is ajar or a window is broken.
5. How to work your home's door and window locks and to lock them when they are at home alone.
6. That a stranger is someone neither you nor they know well.
7. Not to go into anyone's home without your permission.
8. To avoid walking or playing alone, and to walk or play in well-lighted areas.
9. That if they feel they're being followed or if they're frightened, to run home, public place, or trusted neighbor.
10. To tell you if anyone asks them to keep a secret, offers them gifts or money, or asks to take their picture.
11. That they have a right not to let anyone touch them in a way they don't like. They should say "No" and tell an adult they trust.



*Another option you might want to consider is having a family "code word." If someone other than a family member is going to pick up your child, that person should repeat the code word before the child agrees to go with him or her.*

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police outreach safe-teams](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/police_outreach_safe-teams) to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For more crime prevention resources please visit [www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimeprevention/index.htm).



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