



Parents Responsibility

CHILD SAFEGUARDING



Children are our Nation's most precious resource, but as children, they often lack the skills to protect themselves. It is our responsibility, as parents and responsible citizens, to safeguard children and to teach them the skills to be safe.

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Best person to teach



Every home and Club should teach children about safety and protection measures. As a parent, you should take an active interest in your children and listen to them. Teach your children that they can be assertive in order to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation.

A parent is the best person to teach a child about personal safety.

Inculcate in your child effective personal safety skills, Smart Thinking and strong character.

Age and maturity matter. There is no perfect age when parents should begin teaching children about personal safety. A child's ability to comprehend and practice safety skills is affected by age, educational, and developmental levels.



TEACH . INVOLVE . PRACTICE

TEACH your children. Set boundaries about places they may go, people they may see, and things they may do. Reinforce the importance of the “buddy system.” It’s OK to say NO – tell your children to trust their instincts.

Get **INVOLVED** Know where your children are at times. Your children should check in with you if there is a change in plans. There is no substitute for your attention and supervision

PRACTICE safety skills with your child. Rehearse safety skills so that they become second nature.

Safety at Home



Children should know their full name, home address, home phone number and how to use the telephone. Post your contact information where your children will see it: office phone number, cell phone etc.

Children should have a trusted adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.

Choose caregiver/nanny with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbours. Once you have chosen the caregiver, drop in unexpectedly to see how your children are doing. Ask your children how the experience with the caregiver was, and listen carefully to their responses.

Safety in the Club

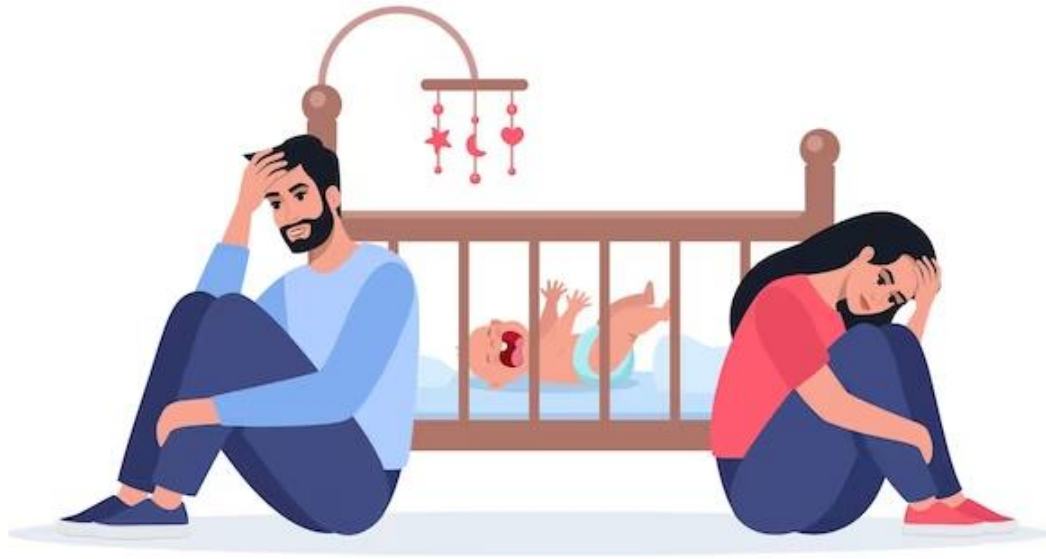
1. Make a list with your children of their Club boundaries, choosing significant landmarks.
2. Interact regularly with your coach and managers. Tell your children whose homes they are allowed to visit.
3. Don't drop your children off alone at ground, market places, dressing rooms , bus.
4. Teach your children that if they are approached by a stranger, they should stay alert because this may be a "trick."
5. Never leave children unattended in an automobile. Children should never hitchhike or approach a car when they don't know and trust the driver.
6. Children should never go anywhere with anyone without getting your permission first.



What you should do if your child is lost

Precautionary Measures:

- Keep a complete description of your child.
- Colour photographs of your child every six months.
- Keep copies of your child's fingerprints.
- Know where your child's medical records are located.



What You Should Do In Case Your Child Is Missing

- Immediately report your child missing to your local law enforcement agency. Dial Child Helpline 800 700 to contact Police.
- Give law enforcement investigators all information you have on your child including fingerprints, photographs, complete description and the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance.



Act Fast....

- DO NOT PANIC!!!
- Get Help, Contact Friends and Relatives.
- Look in places where child hides. Think, where can he/she go.
- Dial Child Helpline **800 700**