Preventing Child Abduction

Safety Tips For Kids
· Never go to a friend's home without informing your parents where you are going and when you will return.
· Never talk to strangers. Don't help grown-ups asking for help with directions or to find a pet.
· Never take candy or gifts from strangers.
· Never wander off when you are with your parents.
· Move away from a car or van that pulls up next to you if you do not know the driver.
· Scream and run away from any stranger that calls you to a vehicle or attempts to touch you.
· Be suspicious of any stranger asking for assistance.
· Try to remember what the stranger looks like, as well as the vehicle and license plate number.
· Immediately inform parents or police of any strangers that attempt to call you to a car or van.

What Parents Can Do To Keep Their Children Safe:
· Know where your child is at all times.
· Never leave a small child alone at home or in a car.
· Make sure your child knows his or her full name, address and telephone number, and YOUR CELL NUMBER!
· Make sure your child knows where you work, and that telephone information.
· Know your child's friends and where they live.
· Teach your child about strangers. Tell him or her to never talk, take candy, or go with a stranger without your consent.
· Make sure your child knows never to get into a stranger's car or even approach it. A predator may ask for directions or help finding a pet.
· Tell your child that if approached by a stranger, they should run and scream.
· Let your child know that no one has a right to touch any part of his or her body that a bathing suit would cover.
· Inform your child to report to you, a police officer or school authority, anyone that exposes his or her private parts to them.
· Report to the police immediately, if your child informs you that they were lured or assaulted by a stranger.

Periodically check the Sex Offender Registry through SLED or Sheriff’s Department Websites.

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