

Safety Tips

Grades 7 and 8

- ✓ Let your parents know where you are at all times. Prepare a list of friends for them in case you are overtime coming home. **Parents do worry about you.**
- ✓ Drugs may become a part of your friend's lifestyle. **Choose your friends wisely.** If you think drugs are where you are **get out FAST.** If you happen to find something that looks like a drug, leave it alone, call someone, let them know where the item is and they will contact the appropriate people.
- ✓ If you find a gun, **ASSUME IT IS REAL AND LOADED,** call the police immediately.
- ✓ Never show or flash your money around, someone is always watching you, and never give your P.I.N. to anyone, or use your P.I.N. card in front of anyone.
- ✓ Always be aware of your surroundings if alone. Be aware of an escape route if confronted by someone.
- ✓ Call your parents when you are leaving someone's house. **No matter what time it is.** If you are scared to walk a long distance home, call your parents for a ride, they won't mind.
- ✓ If you are attacked, **don't be a hero.** Give up what ever your attacker wants. He or she may be armed. **Anything can be used as a weapon.**
- ✓ We all have **Gut Instinct,** if it feels bad or looks bad, it probably is. **Get out of the situation FAST.**

BABYSITTING MAY BE YOUR FIRST MONEY MAKING JOB

- ✓ Do not take children to lonely parks, woods, parking lots or even schoolyards particularly in the late afternoon or evening.
- ✓ If someone invites you over, make sure you know who he or she is and you have your employer's permission.
- ✓ Make sure you get clear directions from your employer about answering the door and phone.
- ✓ If you have to ride an elevator to get to and from your sitting job, stay close to the control panel in case of an emergency.
- ✓ If you are in trouble, **YOU** choose the person that you want to help you. Police, other parents with kids, teachers, bus drivers. **KEEP THE CHILDREN WITH YOU.**
- ✓ If you and the children find yourselves in a situation that feels uncomfortable, **get out of it...FAST.**