

Safety Tips

Grades 4, 5 and 6

- ✓ Let parents know where you are at all times. Let them know before you leave or phone when you get there.
- ✓ Always know where your parents can be reached.
- ✓ Call police anytime you see something or someone suspicious. Try and get a description or plate number of a car. Write the number in the dirt or snow if nothing else is available.
- ✓ If you are being followed, run back home or to school or to a house and ask the owners to call the police. **DO NOT GO INTO THE HOUSE – WAIT OUTSIDE.**
- ✓ Tell service representatives or sales people to come back later and do not accept strangers into the home.
- ✓ Take the same route to and from school every day, and walk with friends. If your route has to change let your parents know.
- ✓ Never cut through a vacant field or lot or hang around deserted buildings or isolated areas.
- ✓ Never show your money, house key or hiding place for your house key.
- ✓ Never answer the door if alone, or say you are alone if answering the phone.
- ✓ Do not hang around stairwells if you live in an apartment.
- ✓ It is okay to say **NO** to an adult; especially if that person is making you do something your parents taught you is wrong.
- ✓ If you are grabbed and being forced to a building or car, yell, scream, kick, bite and scatter your books and belongings. **Make as much noise as you possibly can.**
- ✓ Never approach strange vehicles or vans that are parked. **Always assume someone is inside.**
- ✓ Do not go near strange vehicles where the driver or passenger may be asking for direction. **Adults rarely ask children for help.**
- ✓ If you find something on the ground like a needle or something that may be a drug, **leave it alone**, call for someone to check it and they will call the appropriate people.
- ✓ If you find a gun on the ground, **it may be real and or loaded, LEAVE IT ALONE**, and call for someone to call the police right away.