

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA PUBLIC SAFETY



STRANGER DANGER

Do you and your children know what to do if they are approached by a stranger?

- Who is a stranger? A stranger is anyone that your family doesn't know well. When you talk to your children about strangers, explain that no one can tell if strangers are nice or not nice just by looking at them and that they should be careful around all strangers.
- Even if children know how to avoid trouble, sometimes trouble -- in the form of dangerous strangers -- may find them. Children will encounter strangers when you're not around. Most strangers are well-meaning and not to be feared, but because children are trusting and vulnerable, they can fall for all kinds of tricks.
- Make sure your children learn and follow these basic rules when you are not around:
 - Never accept rides, candy, gifts, money or medicine from a stranger.
 - Never get close to a car if a stranger calls out to you for directions or anything else. It is easy for a stranger to pull you into a car.
 - Never give your name or address to a stranger.
 - Never open the door to anyone you do not know.
 - Never tell callers that you are home alone. Say mom or dad cannot come to the phone, and will call them back.
 - Always avoid strangers who are hanging around restrooms or the playground and who may want to play with you or your friends.
- In 2013, there were 462,567 entries for missing children under the age of 18 into the FBI's National Crime Information Center, also called NCIC.
- The AMBER Alert program was created in 1996 and is operated by the U.S. Department of Justice. As of Nov. 3, 2014, 711 children have been successfully recovered as a result of the program.

For more information you can call your local SPD office or log onto www.missingkids.com, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.