



The Story's Message

What Is A Stranger?

This book talks about a commonly used word when talking to children about safety. The word is **Stranger**. Most safety experts do not focus on “Stranger Danger” because most of the dangers in our society concerning our children come from someone they are already familiar with. I agree with this thought, and the facts support this. This book discusses making choices and understanding why a child may talk to an adult he or she does not know when a parent is talking to them as well as when a parent is not around. It also gives tips on what to do if a person approaches them when they are alone.

Safety Tips for Children

- A **stranger** is a person you do **not** know – it does **not** matter if the person is female, male, young or old.
- Know who your **safe circle** is – these are people who are trusted adults in your life.
- Do **not** speak to anyone outside of your safe circle without your parents or caretaker's knowledge and presence.
- If a person approaches you when you are alone, do **not** speak or listen to them - go get a person in your safe circle.

- If you think you're in danger, it is okay to yell for help and say "stop, no, you are not my parent!" as loud as you can.
- A stranger is a person you do **not** know, even if they know your name. It does **not** matter what they look like

Tips for Parents/Guardians

- Talk with your children about who they can trust and who is in their "safe circle."
- Teach them that even though they may be familiar an adult, they are still considered someone they do **not** know. They should not speak to a familiar adult, unless they are with a **trusted** adult.
- You should have several discussions with your child about making choices and the consequences of each choice.
- Teach your children how to **yell out loud** and **cause a scene** if they feel they are in danger from any person at any time.
- Be confident and strong when discussing safety with your children; it will make them feel safer and stronger as they begin to learn how to make their own decisions.
- Don't let these lessons be a one-time conversation. They should be reinforced and discussed several times as your children grow older and begin to face difference challenges.

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