

Ways to prevent child abduction

You should tell your teens to

- tell you where they are at all times or leave a written or recorded message at home
- never hitchhike
- avoid shortcuts through empty parks, fields, laneways or alleys
- run home or go to the nearest public place and yell for help if they are being followed
- learn to recognize suspicious behaviour and remember a description of the person or vehicle to give you or the police. Write the plate number in the dirt or snow if nothing else is available
- if attacked for money, jewelry or clothing give it up rather than risk injury
- feel that they can talk to you and call you to pick them up at any time and at any place

Parents should

- avoid clothing and toys with the child's name on it. A child is less likely to fear someone that knows his/her name
- check all potential babysitters and older friends of your child
- never leave a child alone in a public place, stroller or car...not even for a minute
- always accompany young children to the bathroom in a public place and advise them never to play in or around the area
- always accompany your child on door-to-door activities, ie. Halloween, school fundraising campaigns, etc.
- point out safe houses or homes with Block Parent signs where children can go if they are in trouble
- keep an up to date colour photograph of your child, a medical and dental history, and have your child fingerprinted

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