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Back to School Safety Tips for Students

As a student you face everything from bullies and peer pressure, and depending on your age, guns, violence...and much more. We know school can be tough, we were there once too! That's why our goal is to provide you with a variety of information to help you deal with the everyday life of being a student

Getting to School and back home again.

- Find an easy way to walk to and from school or the bus stop. Use the same route everyday and avoid shortcuts.
- Ask your teachers or parents if there is anything you should watch out for along the way.
- Always walk with a brother, sister, neighbour, friend or with other students. Strength is in numbers.
- **Don't talk to strangers, don't go anywhere with them, or take anything from them.** If a stranger approaches, tell a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher.
- **Always look both ways before crossing the street.** Never enter the streets from between parked cars or from behind bushes.
- Never get into a vehicle with a person even if you know them without your parents permission.
- **Know your home and parent phone numbers and home address** (street name and house number). If you have trouble remembering them, write them down and keep them in a safe place.

At School

- Most teachers have their own rules for what goes on in their classroom but here are a few other things you should remember when you're are in class:
- If another student, even a friend asks you to do something you don't want to do, don't do it.
- If you get into an argument, talk it out, Fighting will hurt you and probably get you in trouble. It may even give you a reputation as a bully.
- If anything bothers you or makes you feel weird, like a fight with a friend, a run-in with a bully, or ANYTHING, talk to an adult you trust.
- **DO NOT CARRY A GUN, A KNIFE, ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ANY WEAPON TO SCHOOL.** Possession of these items will lead to arrest and criminal charges.
- **Carrying a gun or knife will not make you safer.** Guns and knives often escalate conflicts and increase the chances that you will be seriously hurt. And, you may do something in a moment of rage that you will regret for the rest of your life.
- If you know of someone who is planning to harm you or someone else – Tell a trusted, adult such as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal or parent. If you are afraid and believe that telling will get you in danger or lead to retaliation, find a way to anonymously contact the police.
- **Think about your actions before you react to a situation.** Stay around positive people... Don't try to fit in....**BE YOURSELF!** Set goals for the school year and achieve them!
- **Study hard.** You can be anything you want to be if you work hard and don't give up.

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911

National Crime Prevention Office
302-8430/1

Crime Stoppers
328-TIPS (8477)

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