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Staying Home Alone

A lot of children stay home alone while their parents are at work or running errands. Sometimes this can be scary, but it does not have to be. Here are some things that you can do to stay safe when you are home alone.

- **Do not let anyone know that you are home alone.** If a stranger knocks at your door, do not answer it. If someone calls and asks for your mom say: "She can't come to the phone right now" and "Can I take a message please?". Remember not to brag about staying home alone. You do not want other children to try to take advantage of your empty house.
- **Lock it up.** Learn how to lock and unlock all the doors and windows. That way no one can get in, but you can get out if you need to.
- **Know your numbers.** Learn your phone number including your address, your mom or dad's work and cell phone numbers, and the phone number of an adult who lives nearby who can help you quickly in an emergency.
- **Check in with your parents.** Ask your parents for permission before you go anywhere and call to tell them when you get home. Your parents should know where you are all the time.
- **Know what an emergency is.** Know that an emergency is a time when you need help from a police officer, a firefighter, or a doctor. Ask your parents to post a list of emergency numbers that you may need near the phone.
- **Practice what to do in emergencies.** Get mom and dad to help you practice knowing who to call for different situations. . Talk about different times you might need help and what you should do.
- **Choose a safe house.** With your parents, ask a neighbor if you can go to his or her house if you need help fast!
- **Be alert.** If something just doesn't look right when you get home, like maybe a broken window or an open door, do not go inside your house. Go to your safe house and ask for help.

Should you be a victim of crime, please do not resist but take note of the description of the culprit e.g. his appearance, clothing, height, physical details and the direction or mode of escape. Call the Police as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you come across any suspicious person(s) loitering around your business or home, please do not hesitate to contact the police on emergency number '919' or Crime Stoppers at **328-tips (New Providence), 1-300-8476 (Family Islands)**

Police Emergency
911

National Crime Prevention Office
302-8430 / 1
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