



# Stranger Abduction: 10 Ways to Reduce the Risk

1. Keep your child in sight at all times. Most child abductions by stranger occur within a few blocks of home, even on their own front yard, when the child is left alone and unsupervised.
2. Do not purchase clothing or school supplies with your child's name on them. Knowing your child's name is a way for an abductor to establish rapport with a child.
3. Teach children that a stranger is someone they don't know or don't know well. A stranger can be someone they see every day at school or in the neighborhood, but they don't necessarily know that person.
4. Know the people you hire and allow to enter your home, including plumbers, carpenters, repairmen, cleaners, and especially babysitters.
5. Encourage your child to take a buddy when walking in the neighborhood, in a store, or to and from school.
6. Adults don't ask children for directions or help. Teach your child that if someone asks for directions or help looking for a pet, to ignore the person and immediately go home or to a safe place.
7. Tell your child about the abduction problem in a calm, simple way.
8. Teach your child that is okay to run away or scream if someone is making them do something they don't want to do. They should immediately tell a trusted adult what happened.
9. Teach your child his or her full name, address, telephone number (including area code) and how to dial "911" for help.
10. Never leave your child alone in a car or unattended in a supermarket or shopping mall. Teach your child to go to the nearest store clerk for help if you get separated.



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**Keep Vital Information About Your Child**  
In This **ChildFinder® DocuPak**

**PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD.** A quality head-and-shoulder photo is an important tool for recovering your child. Update your child's photo annually.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE.** Obtain from City/County Clerk where your child was born, or from Bureau of Vital Statistics in your home state.

**SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.** Keep a social security card from any other form of identification for the child. Parents must also provide some form of identification.

**LEGAL CUSTODY.** If divorced or separated, keep a copy of your custody decree.

**PASSPORT.** Parents should contact Passport Office that the child may have the United States CHILD with custody, birth records, if a custody dispute exists, contact the Passport Office immediately.

**MEDICAL & DENTAL RECORDS.** Know when your child's medical records are kept. If you relocate, obtain copies and take them with you.

**FINGERPRINT CARD.** Fingerprinting does not protect your child, but may be used for identification when a child is found. Fingerprinting should be done professionally by your police department.

**Information To Keep In This ChildFinder® DocuPak**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthmarks/Scars \_\_\_\_\_ Hair \_\_\_\_\_ Color Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Color Hair \_\_\_\_\_  
Blood Type \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies (Food, Medicines) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medications \_\_\_\_\_  
School/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Doctor (Name/Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
Dentist (Name/Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Police/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact (Name/Relationship/Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

If your child is missing, call your local police immediately. Present this ChildFinder® DocuPak and documents inside to the police. They will use it for dissemination of your child's photo and information to law enforcement agencies nationwide. Register with Child Find of America, Inc. at 1-800-1-AM-LOST.

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