

# Arlington Heights Police Department

## Stranger Danger Safety



Who is a stranger? What do they look like? Are all strangers' bad people? Are there any strangers that I can talk to? Will all bad strangers try to hurt me or take me away? Can strangers try to trick me? What should I do if a stranger makes me feel uncomfortable? **You should be able to answer these questions to be SAFE!**

**Who is a Stranger?** Strangers are people you do not know. They could be a neighbor that you see in the area but have never met. They could be someone your parents don't know well.

**What do Strangers look like?** Strangers can be men or women, young or old, tall or short, skinny or fat, attractive or unattractive. They look like everyday normal people.

**Are all Strangers bad people?** Most strangers are nice, but some are bad. You will rarely have contact with a bad stranger if you stay away from people you don't know.

**Are there any strangers that I can talk to?** Because you don't know if someone is a good stranger or bad stranger, you should not talk to anyone you don't know. You can always talk to those people you know and trust. You can also talk to a Police Officer or Fireman. If you are lost in a store you can go to an employee. Always look for the uniform, badge, patch, name tag and special equipment.

**Will all bad strangers try to hurt me or take me away?** No, some may just want to talk to you or touch you. They may even want to hurt you.

**Can strangers try to trick me?** Bad strangers may make up stories to get you alone. They might tell you their dog ran into the woods and ask you to go with them to help find the dog. They might pull up in a car and offer you something sweet or an expensive gift. They might tell you that your mother or father sent them to pick you up from school. They may pretend to be someone they are not when on the Internet.

**What should I do if a stranger makes me feel uncomfortable?** Say No, run away, yell for help and find someone you know or a safe place. You can always go to a Police Officer, Fireman, Crossing Guard, Life Guard or Store Employee. Call **911** and tell your parents.

Telling your parent's where you are going, who you will be with, what you will be doing and when you will be home is very important. Make sure you know your home and parent's cell phone numbers. **Always** tell a parent or trusted adult if any situation makes you feel scared, suspicious, guilty or uncomfortable.