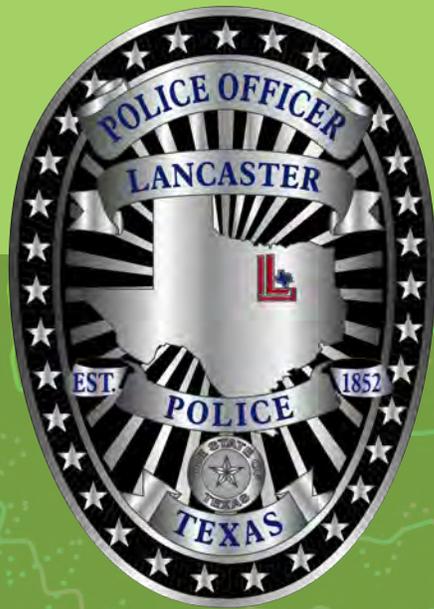


STRANGER DANGER

The Lancaster Police
Department presents
some common sense
rules to help keep our
children safe from
strangers



WHAT IS A STRANGER?

Explain to your children that a stranger is someone they do not know or know very well. A stranger can be a man or a woman, a young person or an older person, well dressed or shabby in appearance, nice or mean to them.

START WITH THE BASICS:

- Make sure your kids know your address and phone numbers (home and work).
- Walk the neighborhood and school routes to show your children safe places and places to stay away from.
- Accompany your children to public restrooms.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard and ask for help if they get separated from you in a store or shopping mall.
- Tell them to never talk to strangers, get into a stranger's car or accept candy or gifts from a stranger, even if they call them by name.
- Teach them to run to a safe place or to a trusted adult if a stranger tries to grab or follow them.
- When they are home alone, tell them not to answer the door or let anyone in without your permission.
- If you are still at work after your child gets out of school have them check in with you when they get home.
- Tell your children to lock the door/windows when home alone.
- Teach your children escape routes and a safe neighbor to go to in the event of a fire or an emergency. Prearrange this with a trusted neighbor.
- Tell your children to never tell anyone calling on the phone they are home alone.
- Have your children tell a teacher, trusted adult or parent about strangers hanging around the school or areas where they play.
- Talk to your children about touches that are inappropriate. Teach your child that no one - not a teacher or relative - has the right to touch them on their private parts or in a way that feels uncomfortable. Tell them to tell you or a trusted adult about anyone who touches them on their private parts or in an inappropriate way.

END WITH THESE 3 RULES:

1. A stranger may mean danger.
2. If confronted by a stranger - tell them to yell "Stranger - Danger" as loud as they can and run in the opposite direction or to a safe location.
3. Tell your children they can talk to you about anything - strangers or inappropriate touching - as you will always be supportive.