## **CONVERSATION RESOURCES**

# 3rd Grade

The following information and suggestions are provided to assist you in your effort to protect your children and to keep them safe.

## The NO-GO-TELL Rule

- NO Say NO when someone suggests or invites you to do something which is wrong or which makes you feel uncomfortable.
  - When approached by a stranger asking for help.
  - When someone volunteers to take you home when you don't know them.
  - When an older child who doesn't have permission tries to take you away with them.

GO – Safely and quickly remove yourself from the situation.

**TELL** – Let a trusted adult know what happened (as soon as you can).

## Day to Day Safety

- 1. Safe touches and unsafe touches.
  - Discuss what is a "bad touch" and what is a "good touch".
    - What are some examples of good/safe touches?
    - Explain that some touches are bad touches and are not okay.
  - Discuss "private parts" of the body as parts covered by your bathing suit.
  - Has anyone touched you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared?

### 2. Trusted Adults

- Tell your child that it is not always easy to tell when someone is doing wrong.
- If a child is confused or not sure, they should go to a trusted adult.
- Discuss with your child who would be considered a trusted adult.
- Who are some people you can trust?
- Who is a "stranger"?
- 3. "Hurtful Secrets"
  - Teach your child that a good secret is one that will eventually be told, like a surprise party. Secrets should never hide hurtful behavior.
  - It is important that children know that they can talk about things in their life, even if they have been told to keep a secret.
  - Do you know an adult who asks you to keep a secret just between the two of you?

#### **Scenarios**

- 1. What would you do if an adult asked you come with them so that they could give you something like candy?
- 2. What would you do if someone touched you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable?
- 3. What do you do when someone you don't know wants to give you a ride in a car?

#### **Internet Safety**

- 1. Internet Safety Rules
  - Discuss house rules for using the Internet.
  - Keep computer in a room where the parent can monitor use, not in bedroom.
  - Know your child's passwords.
  - Do not share passwords with friends.
  - Monitor Internet use.
  - Know your child's online accounts/profiles. (Yahoo, Google, Facebook etc.)
  - Discuss with your child that they should not share personal information (name, phone number, address) when on the Internet.
- 2. Conversation Starters
  - Have you seen something on the computer that makes you feel uncomfortable, scared, or sad?
  - Do you use the internet at a friend's house?
  - Has anyone asked you to be friends with them on the Internet?

### **Best Practices**

- 1. Children should know their phone # and address and they should not share this information with strangers.
- 2. Be familiar with your child's friends and activities. Acquaint yourself with the home situation of your child's friends.
- 3. Be sensitive to changes in your child's behavior; talk to them about the changes when you notice.
- 4. Screen babysitters carefully; checking references.

#### **Online Resources**

Missing and exploited children: www.missingkids.com Netsmartzkids: www.Netsmartz.org

www.UTouchITell.org U Touch I Tell by Chi Hosseinion - ISBN 9781478205586 SI ME TOCAS TE ACUSO – ISBN 9781480257573, 1480257575