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## IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS FOR TEENS

**Be responsible for your own safety. Take a minute to think about the steps that you can take to keep yourself safe:**

- ❖ Be careful about the information shared on social media.
- ❖ Don't "friend" people you don't know in real life.
- ❖ Do not give personal information (address, or phone numbers )online to strangers.
- ❖ Be accountable. Always tell parents where you plan to be before and after school.
- ❖ Always be aware of your surroundings.
- ❖ Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- ❖ Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- ❖ Don't take shortcuts and stay away from alleys.
- ❖ Memorize contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- ❖ Make sure that your emergency contact card at school is updated.
- ❖ Have a positive attitude...it helps.
- ❖ Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.



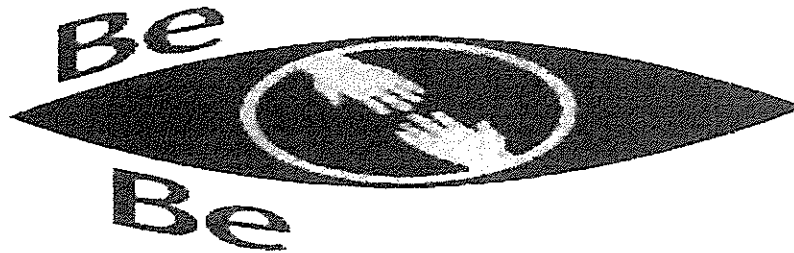
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Safety Expects the Unexpected

## Stranger Danger

- ❖ Don't talk to strangers.
- ❖ Don't take anything from strangers.
- ❖ Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- ❖ Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
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## Driver/ Seatbelt Safety

- ❖ Buckling up is the most important safety measure you can take
- ❖ Protects against impaired, aggressive and distracted drivers
- ❖ Don't Speed. Speeding increases your crash risk as much as 50 percent
- ❖ Be careful in bad weather
- ❖ Don't follow too closely
- ❖ Watch out for the other guy
- ❖ Practice defensive driving
- ❖ Keep your vehicle safe, conduct routine maintenance
- ❖ Don't Drive Drunk, Drowsy, or Distracted

## Lock it or Lose It

- ❖ Lock Your Doors
- ❖ Remove Valuables
- ❖ Criminals target unlocked vehicles because of the ease of entry
- ❖ Don't create opportunities for crime.
- ❖ Move valuables out of plain sight if you must leave them in the vehicle.
- ❖ Never leave keys in your vehicle
- ❖ Don't leave your vehicle running
- ❖ Be sure to roll-up windows completely.
- ❖ Park in a well-lit area

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# Important Safety Tips for Kids

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- ❖ Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- ❖ Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- ❖ Don't take shortcuts and stay away from alleys.
- ❖ Memorize contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- ❖ When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- ❖ If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you. If someone is dragging you away, scream, "this is not my dad," or "this is not my mom."
- ❖ Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.

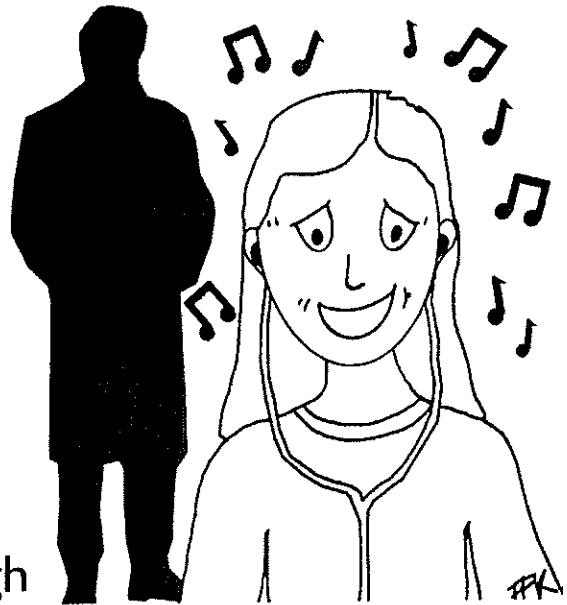


# Be Confident. Be Aware. Be Safe

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Here are some examples:

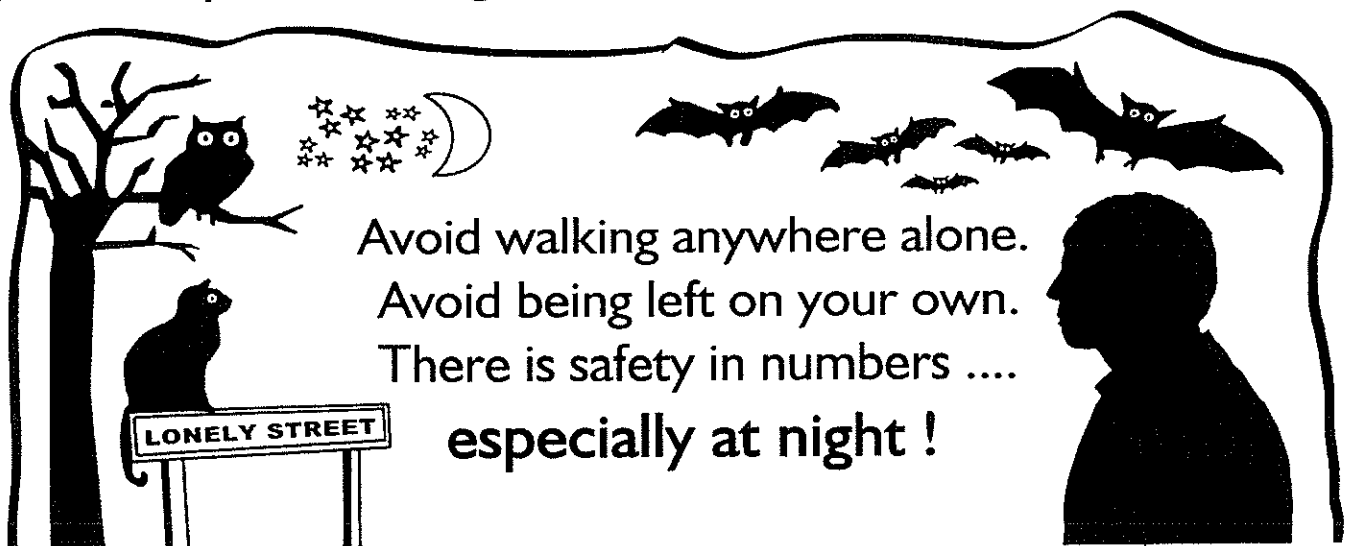
Stay aware of your surroundings at all times. Wearing earphones will make you vulnerable.



Keep a mobile phone with you and make sure that it is always charged-up and that you have enough credit. Use your phone to check-in from time to time and let somebody know where you are, who you're with, where you're going, the route you'll take and when you will be back home or ready to be collected.

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Trust your instincts. Never feel embarrassed to seek help if you think you are being followed or feel something is not right



Avoid walking anywhere alone.  
Avoid being left on your own.  
There is safety in numbers ....  
**especially at night !**