



SAFETY TIPS

TAKE 25: KNOW THE RULES... FOR CHILD SAFETY IN AMUSEMENT OR THEME PARKS

Family outings to amusement and theme parks may be special times leaving children with life-long memories of “meeting” their favorite cartoon character or having their own “real-life” action adventure. As a parent or guardian you know such outings may also be sources of stress and concern for family members visiting an area with so many new sights and sounds. It’s easy for both adults and children to become distracted by all the excitement and attractions.

BEFORE GOING TO THE PARK TAKE 25 MINUTES TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN...

- To pay attention to where they are and whom they are with at all times.
- Not to be alone in the park, even with costumed characters, and check with you first before accepting prizes or gifts from anyone. Talk to them about staying with you or a friend at all times.
- To tell you if anyone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
- To yell, “This person is not my father/mother/guardian!” if they are approached by anyone who tries to separate them from you.
- To go to the closest “Help/Information Center” for assistance if they are lost.

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