



SAFETY TIPS

TAKE 25: KNOW THE RULES... SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

TAKE 25 minutes, and talk to your children about...

- What their neighborhood boundaries are and whose homes they may visit without you. Teach them to ask you before leaving home and stay with a friend whenever they're playing outside or going anywhere.
- To teach them their full names, address, and telephone numbers. Make sure they have a trusted adult to call in case of emergency. Children should also know their parents' or guardians' full names.
- To instruct them to keep the door locked and not to open the door or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone. Set rules with your children about having visitors over when you're not home and how to answer the telephone.
- To teach them in whose vehicle they may ride. Children should never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a trusted adult.
- To explain to them they should not go near pools or other bodies of water without adult supervision. All pools your children attend should have a visible lifeguard on duty. If you have a pool at home, establish appropriate swimming hours and supervision.

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