

Knowing My Rules for Safety

1.

I **CHECK FIRST** with my parents, guardians, or other trusted adults before going anywhere, doing anything, helping anyone, accepting anything, getting into a vehicle, or leaving with anyone.

2.

I **TAKE A FRIEND** with me when going places or playing outside.

3.

I **TELL** someone **NO** if they try to touch me or do things in ways that make me feel sad, scared, or confused, because it's **OK** for me to stand up for myself.

4.

I **TELL** my parents, guardians, or other trusted adults if anything happens to me.

Sometimes there are people who trick or hurt others. No one has the right to do that to you. So use these rules, and remember you are **STRONG**, are **SMART**, and have the right to be **SAFE**. Always

- **CHECK FIRST**
- **TAKE A FRIEND**
- **TELL PEOPLE "NO" WHEN THEY TRY TO CAUSE YOU HARM**
- **TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST IF ANYTHING HAPPENS**

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A 24-hour, toll-free telephone line, **1-800-THE-LOST**® (**1-800-843-5678**), is available in Canada and the United States for those who have information regarding missing and sexually exploited children. The “phone free” number is 001-800-843-5678 when dialing from Mexico and 00-800-0843-5678 when dialing from many other countries. For a list of other toll-free numbers available when dialing from specific countries visit www.missingkids.com, and from the home page click on the link to “More Services” and then on the link to “24-Hour Hotline.” The CyberTipline® is available worldwide for online reporting of these crimes at www.cybertipline.com. The TTY line is 1-800-826-7653. The NCMEC business number when dialing in the United States is 703-224-2150. The NCMEC business number when dialing from other countries is 001-703-522-9320. The NCMEC facsimile number is 703-224-2122. The NCMEC website address is www.missingkids.com.

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