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National Center for Missing and Exploited Children: NCMEC is the nation's resource center for child protection by spearheading national efforts to locate and recover missing children and raising public awareness about ways to prevent child abduction, endangerment and sexual exploitation. From its creation in 1984 under congressional mandate the NCMEC has played a role in the recovery of more than 135,400 children, worked on more than 151,00 missing child cases and handled more than 2.3 million phone calls from their 24 hour toll-free hotline (1-800-843-5678), and received more than 650,500 reports on the Cyber-Tipline. Go to: www.missingkids.com

☞ **Netsmartz411:** Service provided by the NCMEC designed to raise internet-safety awareness and provides general information about computers and the web. Go to: www.netsmartz411.org

☞ **Cyber-Tipline:** Use this site or call 1-800-843-5678 to report sexual exploitation of children on and offline. Information is forwarded to law enforcement and internet service providers for investigation and review when appropriate. Go to: www.cybertipline.com

☞ **Don't Believe the Type & Think Before You Post:** Two NCMEC public service campaigns to help kids recognize dangers of the internet and of posting inappropriate pictures and videos of themselves online. Visit the Cyber-Tipline website to link to both of these sites.

9-1-1 For Kids: 9-1-1 For Kids is the official emergency caller training program created by the U. S. 9-1-1 communication center official and emergency medical, fire and law enforcement professionals who were charged with the task of developing educational tools to help reduce the alarmingly high numbers of non-emergency calls made to 9-1-1. This site includes links to educational videos and games for kids to

teach them how and when to dial 9-1-1. Go to:
www.911forkids.com

Common Sense Media: Common Sense Media is a website dedicated to providing information and tools to parents to help them manage their kids media use. The website rates websites geared towards children, evaluating various factors including suggested age, whether the website contains violence, etc. The site also provides articles regarding current topics of interest such as social networking sites and cyberbullying, internet safety information for parents and community forums where parents can share and discuss ideas. Go to:
www.common sense media.org

New Neighborhood Safety Tips



Moving to a new community may be an exciting and challenging time for families. It is vital to communicate with your children about their new home and neighborhood and reassure them about the changes in their lives. It is also important to pay careful attention to their feelings about the move and encourage them to share their thoughts with you.

- 1** Make certain your children know their full names, new address, and telephone numbers as soon as possible.
- 2** Make a point of meeting your neighbors and introducing them to your children while you are with them.
- 3** Make a list of contact and emergency telephone numbers as soon as possible after you move. Include **TRUSTED ADULTS** your children may contact if they need assistance and you are unavailable. In the event your children may be lost or injured, make sure they carry a contact card with your name and telephone numbers such as work and cellular. This card should be hidden from plain view.
- 4** Take your children on a walking tour of the neighborhood, and determine what supervision they need when outside. Teach them
 - Surrounding streets and main roads by name and landmarks
 - To stay on main roads and never take shortcuts
 - Landmarks and safe places they may go to for assistance if they need help
- 5** Make a map with your children of acceptable routes to and from school, the playground, store, and any other locations they are allowed to visit. Encourage them to carry the map at all times to use if they need help finding their way.
- 6** Remind your children they must **CHECK FIRST** with you before they open the door for anyone or go anywhere.
- 7** Remind your children of these safety rules when they are home alone.
 - Keep the doors and windows locked
 - Never open the door for or talk to anyone who calls or comes to the home unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative your children feel comfortable talking to or being alone with and whose visit has been pre-approved by you
- 8** Caution your children to never give out personal information to anyone or tell anyone they are home alone.
- 9** Teach your children to trust their feelings and **TELL** you or another trusted adult if anyone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused in any way.
- 10** Practice these safety rules with your children to make certain they really know and understand them. Make outings around the new neighborhood “teachable moments” and a chance to put their skills to the test.

Detach and share the bookmark below with your kids!

