



Remember -
Dial "911" only in an emergency

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY/FIRE....."9-1-1"

SHERIFF _____

NEIGHBOR _____

DOCTOR _____

PARENTS _____

AT WORK _____

GRANDPARENTS _____

POISON CONTROL- 1-800-222-1222

For more information contact Public
Relations at 863-773-0304
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EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

General information regarding the Sheriff's
Office:
863-773-0304



Talking to Children About Strangers



Hardee County
Sheriff's
Office

Sheriff Arnold Lanier

"Together it is our responsibility to protect
and educate our children."

Parents Should:



- Never assume your child knows how to stay away from strangers.
- Establish solid communication with your child and stay involved in your child's life.
- Create an environment where your child feels safe talking to you. Let them know that you are interested in and sensitive to their fears.
- Never leave your children unattended (at home, in a parked car, shopping cart or in a public restroom).
- Make certain that your child knows their full name, address, and telephone number, including area code. Teach them to use the telephone. Help is available by calling 911.
- Have pictures taken of your child yearly. For preschoolers, pictures should be updated quarterly.
- Keep records of fingerprints, footprints, dental and doctor information, birthmarks and birth certificates.
- Tell baby-sitters or friend caring for your child not to let your child go with anyone else but you.
- Ensure your child's name is not visible on clothing or belongings. This makes it more difficult for strangers to be on first name basis with your child.
- Monitor your children when they are on-line and the time they spend on the Internet. (Ensure they do not give out any personal information while on-line)
- Know whom your child's friends are, where they live and their telephone numbers.

Discuss the following questions with your child.

- * What is a stranger? A stranger is anyone they don't know.
- * What does a stranger look like? Strangers can be men and women, young or old, tall or skinny, short or fat and have different skin colors. Most strangers are nice, but some just want to trick you.
- * If a stranger tries to talk to you what should you do? Do not talk to them. Yell "NO" as loud as you can, run away from them and tell a trusted adult (mommy, daddy, or an officer).
- * Should you ever get into a car with someone you and your parents don't know? NO! Never accept a ride from a stranger. Move away from the car.
- * Should I ever accept candy or a gift from a stranger? NO! Never accept anything from a stranger without asking a parent first.
- * Should I tell a trusted adult if a stranger tries to talk to me or asks me to keep a secret? YES! Always tell a trusted adult.