

**Does finding 25 minutes to talk to your children about safety seem impossible?  
Try the following conversation starters.**

## KIDS (AGES 5 TO 8)

- Could you tell me our address? How about our home number? My work number? My cell phone number?
- Has anyone ever called or knocked on the door while I was gone? What did you do?
- Let's make a list of 3 people whom you can call in case of an emergency.
- Does your screenname or e-mail address give clues about who you are? If so, let's come up with a safer one.
- Who are your online friends? Do you know all of them in person?
- If you felt like you were in danger while walking to school, where would you go for help?
- If an adult approached you and asked for help, what would you do?
- If you got lost while we were in the park or at the store, what would you do? Whom should you ask for help?
- If someone touches you in a way that makes you uncomfortable or tries to take you away, you should yell "NO!" at the top of your voice. Let's practice saying "NO!" Then, let's see how fast you can run away.

## TWEENS (AGES 9 TO 12)

- What websites do you like to visit? Can you show them to me?
- Have you ever come across anything online which made you feel uncomfortable?
- Do you think that it is safe to share your passwords with your friends? Do you think it's okay to share your passwords with your best friend?
- If something happened at school that made you feel bad or scared, would you tell me?
- Has anyone ever touched you in a way that made you feel scared or uncomfortable? Did you know what to do?

## TEENS (AGES 13 TO 17)

- What kind of information do you feel is safe to share about yourself online?
- Are you comfortable with the information that you have posted online, knowing that it might be seen by friends, officials at your school, college and university admissions departments, and employers?
- Have you and your friends talked about what types of pictures are okay to post online? What about the comments you leave on each others' pages?
- Do you and your friends stay together when you go out?
- What would you do if someone approached you on foot or in a vehicle? Do you know what to do if someone tries to touch or grab you inappropriately?

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