



# After School Safety



## Know the Rules...What to Teach Your Child

- Always take a friend when walking or riding your bike after school. Stay with a group while waiting for the bus.
- Never accept a ride from someone you don't know or from anyone without your parent's permission.
- Make sure your key is hidden and secure without your name or address on it. Leave an extra key with a trusted friend or neighbor.
- If someone follows or bothers you on the way home; turn around, run in the opposite direction to a designated place and tell a trusted adult.
- Check the house before entering for anything that doesn't look right. Go to a designated safe place to call for help if something doesn't seem right.
- Always lock the door after going in and make sure the house is secure.
- Immediately check in with a parent or guardian to let you know that he or she has arrived safely.
- Tell callers that their parents cannot come to the phone and offer to take a message instead of letting people know that he or she is home alone.
- Never open the door for or talk to someone who comes to the house unless that person is a trusted family friend or relative, he or she feels comfortable being alone with that person, and the visit has been pre-approved by the parent.
- Stay alert for true emergencies such as a fire or gas leak that would require leaving the house.

## Make Sure Your Child Knows:

- His or her full name, address and telephone number
- Your full name, the exact name of where you work, your work number and any pager or cell phone you may have.
- How to make a telephone call to request help in an emergency using 911.

