• Do not run errands or do favors for people, unless your parents say it is OK to do so.
• If anyone makes you feel uncomfortable, or ask you to do anything you do not approve of, you are allowed to say NO!
• Never accept items such as candy, money, pictures, or any other objects from anyone.
• Never go near a car, especially if someone is inside of that car.
• Do not work, sell or distribute things for other people, unless you have your parent’s permission to do so.

While out Playing:

• Do not play around water retention ponds (often found in new home developments), other deep holes, streams, creeks, rivers, caves or other remote areas.

• Do not play on/around or touch electric transformers, public utility poles, electric power lines, and cable television or telephone lines.

• Do not walk on, play around or otherwise trespass on railroad tracks, railroad cars, or any other railroad property. This is illegal to do so.

• Never play in or near abandoned storage tanks or containers, refrigerators, water towers, abandoned buildings, construction equipment or hazardous areas.
• Never play with (or touch) dangerous things like matches, guns, knives, or other hazardous objects.

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While at Home Alone:

- Do not permit anyone except relatives into your house.
- Do not let a phone caller know that you are alone.
- Do not let anyone who comes to your door know that you are alone.
- Do not talk at length with anyone who comes to your door, or with an unknown phone caller.
- Keep the shades or blinds closed at night.
- Keep all doors and windows closed and locked.
- Write down the phone number of the State Police or your local police, the phone number of a trusted neighbor and the phone number where your parents can be reached in an emergency.

Basic Safety Tips:

- Tell your parents where you are going, who you will be with and when you expect to return. If your parents are not home, make sure you leave a note to tell them where you are.
- If you are in a public place, and you get separated from your parents, don’t wander around looking for them. Go to a checkout counter, the security office, or the lost and found and quickly tell the person in charge that you have lost your mom and dad and need help finding them.
- You should not get into a car or go anywhere with any person unless your parents have told you that it is okay.
- Carry change or a cell phone in case you need to make an emergency telephone call.
- If someone follows you on foot or in a car, stay away from him or her. You should not get close to any car, unless your parent or a trusted adult accompanies you.
- Grownups and others who need help should not be asking children for help; they should be asking older people.
- No one should be asking you for directions or to look for a “lost puppy” or telling you that your mother or father is in trouble and that he or she will take you to them.
- If someone tries to take you somewhere, quickly get away from him (or her) and yell or scream, “This man (woman) is trying to take me away” or “This person is not my father (mother).” You should try to take a friend with you, and never go places alone.

- Always ask your parents’ permission to leave the yard or play area or to go into someone’s home.
- Never hitchhike or try to get a ride home with anyone unless your parents have told you it is okay to ride with him or her.
- If someone wants to take your picture, tell him or her no and tell your parents or teacher.
- No one should touch you in the parts of the body that would be covered by a bathing suit, nor should you touch anyone else in those areas. Your body is special and private.
- You can be assertive, and you have the right to say no to someone who tries to take you somewhere, touches you, or makes you feel uncomfortable, scared, or confused in any way.
- Avoid overgrown or wooded areas, dark streets, alleys, parking lots, empty lots and buildings.
- Do not accept rides with anyone unless you have your parent’s permission.
- Do not go into buildings with anyone unless you have your parent’s permission.
- Never go with anyone if they are asking for help in finding an address, a lost animal, or any other object or person. (Adults should ask other adults for assistance if they need help.)
- Never go anywhere with anyone (even people you know) unless you have permission from your parents, even if that person said your parents sent them to get you. ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR PARENTS BEFORE GOING ANYWHERE WITH ANYONE!