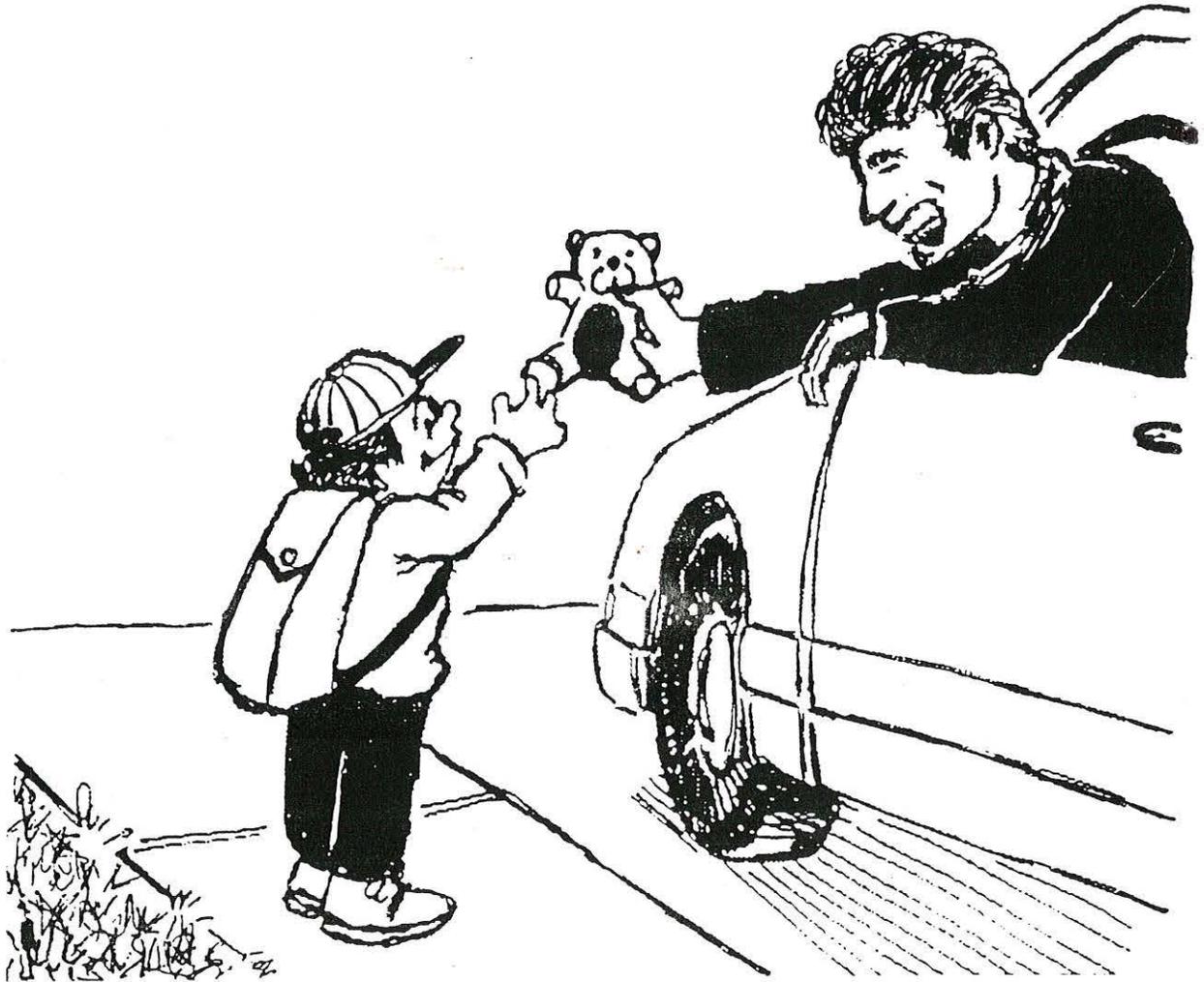


STREET SAFE KIDS

Protecting children from sexual predators – a street-proofing manual



“Street Safe Kids is one of the most comprehensive self-defense and street-proofing courses available. We strongly recommend that parents enroll their children in this ‘hands-on’ program.”

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The following quiz is not a test of your intelligence but an enjoyable memory aid. It is a general review of the entire manual. You as a parent must first understand the manual's content before you can effectively teach your child to be street safe. Make sure to adjust the vocabulary used in the following questions to suit your child's age and comprehension level.

True or false

1. T F You can tell by people's faces & the way they dress, if they are good or bad.
2. T F It is very easy to recognize dangerous people. They are the ones with red eyes, pimples, a scar on their cheek and wear black hats.
3. T F Pedophiles (people who are sexually attracted to children) are found in all professions.
4. T F Most Pedophiles believe that their sexuality is natural and harmless.
5. T F Most Pedophiles were once victims themselves.
6. T F Most child sexual assaults are violent.
7. T F Over 90% of the offenders who sexually victimize children are predominantly male ranging from 17 to 68 years of age.
8. T F 80% of the male adults who exploit children sexually are gay.
9. T F 90% of reported child sexual assault cases are committed by someone the child knows.
10. T F Only strangers sexually assault and molest children.
11. T F More girls than boys are sexually assaulted.
12. T F Girls report molestation more than boys. Boys don't because they feel embarrassed, ashamed and guilty, etc.
13. T F Children who have been sexually molested have been found to have very little emotional damage due to the occurrence.
14. T F Children generally lie about sexual contact with adults.
15. T F It is estimated that 50% of runaway girls and boys, 70% of adolescent drug addicts and 60% of young prostitutes were victims of sexual abuse.

Answers: 1. F, 2. F, 3. T, 4. T, 5. T, 6. F, 7. T, 8. F, 9. T, 10. F, 11. T, 12. T, 13. F, 14. F, 15. T

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16. T F All child kidnappers are well known to the police & are constantly under surveillance by the local authorities.
17. T F A polite & friendly woman could be a kidnapper.
18. T F All child kidnappers kill their victims after having finished with them.
19. T F There is no cure for Pedophilia, therefore, a known child molester should not have unsupervised access to children even if they have received every kind of therapy available.
20. T F When a child is seduced, the abuser is far from being a 'stranger' (to the family and child) by the time the actual abuse takes place.
21. T F Once the child's confidence has been gained, sexual acts are then forced upon the exploited child rather than introduced gradually.
22. T F It may begin subtly, with simple affection, like a kiss on the cheek, holding hands, etc., graduating to more explicit sexual behavior.
23. T F Secrecy plays a large part in the seduction process.
24. T F A child victim has an easy time in telling about the sexual exploitation.
25. T F Most victims not only do not disclose their victimization, but they strongly deny it happened.
26. T F The child experiences depression, guilt & self-doubt once they have been 'dumped' by the offender.
27. T F After disclosure, the Pedophile will come up with an array of excuses and defenses in order to clear himself of the situation.
28. T F Most Pedophiles are repeat offenders - they have done this before.
29. T F Kidnappings never happen in safe places.
30. T F When a child is tricked into going with a kidnapper, the lure generally requires very little effort & takes under a minute to accomplish.
31. T F Assume that nothing bad will ever happen to you and it wont.
32. T F On the Internet, giving out personal & financial information (family photo's, full names, addresses, credit card & telephone card numbers, etc.) while 'chatting with someone is really a harmless thing.
33. T F A person on-line may not be who they identify themselves as being.
34. T F Most child kidnappers release their victims alive.

Answers: 16. F, 17. T, 18. F, 19. T, 20. T, 21. F, 22. T, 23. T, 24. F, 25. T, 26. T, 27. T, 28. T, 29. F, 30. T, 31. F, 32. F, 33. T, 34. T

- 35. T F Weapons are generally used to intimidate & control the victim's behavior.
- 36. T F If confronted with a weapon, do as you are told - get in the car.
- 37. T F The law allows us to carry an offensive weapon for self-protection.
- 38. T F If confronted with a weapon, run & yell immediately.
- 39. T F Children who get kidnapped by one of their parents rarely suffer.
- 40. T F Living life on the run with the abducting parent is fun for the child.
- 41. T F If you suspect a possible parental kidnapping, it is a good idea to maintain personal records on both your children & your ex-spouse.
- 42. T F Never tell on a bully, especially if he is bigger & stronger than you.
- 43. T F Bullies are often victims themselves & are bullying others as a symptom of their own pain & suffering.
- 44. T F Using physical resistance (kicking, punching, etc.), should be our first line of defense against a bully.
- 45. T F Kids join gangs for protection, money, respect and a decent future.
- 46. T F Gangs like drugs are a dead-end street. Best to stay away.
- 47. T F Communication with your parents is vital. Talking about safety issues & sensitive topics helps you, rather than frightens you.
- 48. T F Most child kidnappers don't plan their kidnapping.
- 49. T F It is best to start thinking of a plan of action when the attacker has their hand around your throat.
- 50. T F Having a lost & found plan when at a large gathering is a waste of time.
- 51. T F Knowledge & training are the key elements to personal confidence and practical, effective crime prevention strategies.
- 52. T F It would be wise to know the difference between good & bad touching.
- 53. T F If someone tried to touch my private parts, I should be polite & say nothing.
- 54. T F All your family members can touch your private parts if they want to.
- 55. T F No one has the right to touch your private parts without your permission.
- 56. T F If you don't like the way someone is touching you, simply move away, and say 'No!, stop touching me like that.'

Answers : 35. T, 36. F, 37. F, 38. T, 39. F, 40. F, 41. T, 42. F, 43. T, 44. F, 45. F, 46. T, 47. T, 48. F, 49. F, 50. F, 51. T, 52. T, 53. F 54. F, 55. T. 56. T

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- 57. T F 'Okay ' secrets are secrets which hurt no one & are at times fun.
- 58. T F Touching secrets should always remain a family secret.
- 59. T F 'Tell' secrets cover up pain, shame & embarrassment, therefore no one should know about them.
- 60. T F It is never too late to tell a trusting adult if we were being touched in ways we shouldn't have been.
- 61. T F With friendly people, be polite & keep your distance. Don't stop to talk.
- 62. T F Children don't necessarily perceive danger in the same way that adults do.
- 63. T F Adults should ask children for assistance because it's rare to find adults playing outside that can help you when in need of assistance.
- 64. T F It's a good idea to be listening to your Walkman as you are walking.
- 65. T F We should know the safe & dangerous locations along our regularly traveled route.
- 66. T F If a woman in a car asks you for directions, get close to the car so they can hear you. Another good idea is to get in the car.
- 67. T F If I am with my buddy, I can never be kidnapped or bothered.
- 68. T F Our body has a radar system that warns us of potential dangers.
- 69. T F Often we can sense that something is stranger, bad or scary without having to be told, because of our bodies natural warning system.
- 70. T F All children should do as they are told. They should not say 'No!' to adults.
- 71. T F Asking permission is a waste of time. The less your parents know the better.
- 72. T F It is important to 'check first' with a trusted adult before going or doing anything with anyone.
- 73. T F The difference between a 'safe stranger' and a 'stranger' is that one is a woman and the other is a man.
- 74. T F If you get kidnapped, you will have to approach a 'stranger' in order to get help.
- 75. T F If you are kidnapped, you must aggressively search for someone to help you. You must avoid being shy & polite in such a situation.
- 76. T F If you are kidnapped, once you locate a 'safe stranger,' grab onto them, don't let go & screaming loudly 'I've been kidnapped, my name is...'

Answers : 57. T, 58. F, 59. F, 60. T, 61. T, 62. T, 63. F, 64. F, 65. T, 66. F, 67. F, 68. T, 69. T, 70. F, 71. F, 72. T, 73. F, 74. T, 75. T, 76. T

77. T F Tricky people will tell you all kinds of lies to get you to do what they want. So be a tough target & cut the dialogue.
78. T F Fear & panic must be overcome when confronted. The earlier you do something about the situation you are facing the better.
79. TF Under no circumstances should a child leave the public area they are in, get into a car or allow themselves to be taken anywhere.
80. T F If someone grabs you to take you away, talking is your best option.
81. T F If grabbed, scream! 'Help me! This is not my father, Police! I am being kidnapped!'
82. T F If the molester locks me up in a room with him, this is the perfect time to poke him in the eye & kick him in the groin.
83. T F I must have a guaranteed plan of escape, prior to using physical violence against a child molester.
84. T F If my chance comes to escape while with the molester & I am naked, I should stop, get dressed, then get away.
85. T F The attacker's eyes, nose & groin are the most vulnerable parts of their body.
86. T F Using my hands to throw things at him & striking his nose or crushing his groin while yelling will not help me get away.
87. T F Average adult can outrun the average child if both are running in a straight line. If the child has a slight lead, best to run in a zig-zag fashion.
88. T F One of the best ways to avoid being kidnapped when confronted in a public place is to faint.
89. T F The first 10 minutes after a stranger abduction are the most crucial. The battle of survival is between the child & the abductor.
90. T F Cars & vans are never used in child abductions.
91. T F The best way to escape from a moving car is to jump out.
92. T F To disable a kidnappers car while stationary you can fill the ignition slot with either a small button, pebbles, etc.
93. T F An abducted child can cause a car accident by grabbing the steering wheel & forcefully jerking the car left or right into something.
94. T F If an abducted child is placed in a room at night, they can plug the space under the door & repeatedly signal 'SOS' with the light switch.

Answers : 77. T, 78. T, 79. T, 80. F, 81. T, 82. F, 83. T, 84. F, 85. T, 86. F, 87. T, 88. T, 89. T, 90. F, 91. F, 92. T, 93. T, 94. T.

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95. T F Flooding the toilet bowl, sink or bath in an apartment on the 2nd. floor will only get the kidnapper mad & it wont alert the neighbors.
96. T F It is okay to use the red fire alarm switch to summon help during a kidnapping.
97. T F Pulling on the door handles of parked cars while getting away from a kidnapper is a no-no. The alarms will go off & you will get in trouble.
98. T F In a public place, if confronted & you can't get help, simply run through the place pulling & flinging merchandise off the shelves.
99. T F On the street if the child manages to get away, they should run into & against the direction of pedestrians.
100. T F If a child escapes & manages to hide from the abductor, there is a very good chance the kidnapper will not look for them.
101. T F While hiding from the abductor, it is okay to go to the bathroom in your pants.
102. T F Stay in your hiding place until it is safe to summon help. Remain still, control your breathing & don't peak out to see if they are still around.
103. T F Telling someone that you have been molested is an easy thing to do.
104. T F A child who has been molested feels guilty, ashamed & responsible for what happened. They think it is their fault.
105. T F It is the child's fault they got attacked & molested. It is too late to tell someone - no one will ever believe you anyway.
106. T F Sexual molestation of children is rarely limited to one incident. By not reporting the crime, you may be contributing to the victimization of other children.
107. T F Unhappy children (lonely and neglected) can be the most vulnerable targets for sexual abuse.
108. T F A police badge is proper identification for someone identifying themselves as an undercover police officer.
109. T F A good street safe rule is : whenever possible run or talk, don't fight.
110. T F A stranger in a car stops and asks you for directions, you should stay at least one adult arm length plus 3 steps away from the car.

Answers : 94. F, 96. T, 97. F, 98. T, 99. T, 100. F, 101. T, 102. T, 103. F, 104. T, 105. F, 106. T, 107. T, 108. F, 109. T, 110. T.

111. T F Code words are only needed for young innocent children.
112. T F Two hard to remember code-words are better than one easy one.
113. T F A code-word should never be revealed, even to your best friends.
114. T F You are riding alone on the bus. A man continues to bother you. Your best tactic is to avoid trouble by getting off at the next stop.
115. T F You return home to find your front door open. Your best tactic is: Do not enter your home. Ask your neighbor to enter with you.
116. T F If someone is following you, stop and ask that person what they want.
117. T F You are home alone & the door bell rings, give the impression you are not home alone by yelling to an imaginary buddy.
118. T F When home alone, never open the door to anyone you don't expect.
119. T F A telephone answering machine is a useful tool when home alone.
120. T F Obscene phone calls - scream, laugh & yell at the caller.
121. T F Every child should know their full name, address & phone number plus their area code & how to make long distance calls.
122. T F A man standing near the bathroom door in a park says to you, "Come here. I want to show you something," it is best to ignore him & go into the bathroom.
123. T F The red & white sign in the window of some people's homes showing an adult & a child is a Block Parent sign.
124. T F If someone tries to break into the house while you are there alone, it is best to hide in the house till they have finished & left.
125. T F While waiting for the metro, it is best to stand close to the edge of the platform, so you can be the first one on the train & get the best seat.
126. T F If followed by a car, keep walking at a safe distance. If they continue to follow you, simply reverse direction, running & seeking assistance.
127. T F If people don't want to help you, break their window or door.
128. T F It is a good idea to carry some spending money in case of emergencies.
129. T F Aisle bus seats are safer than double window seats.
130. T F If your clothes catch on fire - stop, drop & roll.

Answers : 111. F, 112. F, 113. T, 114. F, 115. F, 116. F, 117. T, 118. T, 119. T, 120. F, 121. T, 122. F, 123. T, 124. F, 125. F, 126. T, 127. F, 128. T, 129. T, 130. T