

Staying Safe in Your Community



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Part 1



Why do we need to
know how to

Stay Safe

in our community?

To Keep
From
Getting Hurt!



To Keep
From
Going to
Jail!



To Be a Good Neighbor!



What Is A Policeman's Job?

- To help people
- To arrest people who break the law



People Who Break The Law

- **Pickpockets**
- **Robbers**
- **Peeping Toms**
- **Shoplifters or Thieves**
- **Burglars**
- **Abusers**

Can You Tell By Looking?



**What if someone you
know tries to get you to
break the law?**

Say **NO**, Then **GO**!



**What if That Person is Your
Best Friend?**

Say **NO**, Then **GO**!



**What if That Person
Promises You Something
You Really Want?**

Say NO, Then GO!



**What if That Person Tells
You It's Okay Because
Everybody Else Does It?**

Say **NO**, Then **GO**!



**What If That Person
Teases or Dares You?**

Say NO, Then GO!



People To Avoid

- **People who use drugs.**
- **People who want to you do something that is wrong.**
- **Strangers who are just "hanging around".**
- **People with guns.**
- **Gang members.**

**What If You're Not Sure If
Something Is Right or
Wrong?**

**If something makes you feel
bad or uncomfortable, you
should **NOT** do it.**

Trust your feelings!

**That is the best way to stay
safe. . . **AND****

Ask Someone!

(Like Your Mom or Dad, A Policeman, or Support Person)



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