

# 5 If Someone Grabs You:

- SCREAM!!!
- Break free and run.
- Run to the nearest house or place of business.
- Tell them what happened.
- Call your parents or the police.
- Do your best to remember what the person looked like.

## A MESSAGE to parents and kids

We in the General Assembly make laws because we feel education is an important tool in fighting crime. In fact, crime prevention is not the sole responsibility of law enforcement.

My colleagues and I are especially concerned with the protection of youngsters because you are so often the victim of accidents and criminal attacks. In order to protect you, law enforcement officers need your help and cooperation. You, the potential victim, play the most crucial role in preventing crime. By following a few simple rules, you can avoid most injuries and dangers.

The suggestions contained in this brochure are based upon the experiences of victims in cases investigated by the Pennsylvania State Police. If practiced, they will greatly reduce your chances of becoming the victim of an accident or attack.

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# HEY KIDS

Learn to Protect Yourself from  
Accidents and Attacks!



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# 1 If You Are Alone At Home:

- Do not permit anyone except relatives into your house.
- Do not let a phone caller know 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, nor with an unknown phone caller.
- Keep the shades or drapes closed at night.

- Keep all doors and windows locked.
- Write down the phone number of the State Police or local police, and the phone number where your parents can be reached in an emergency.



## PROTECT Yourself

# 2 Before You Leave Home:

- Tell your parents where you are going and when you expect to return home.
- If you change your plans while out, call your parents and tell them.
- If you are going to visit a friend, call and tell the friend what time you expect to arrive.
- Plan the safest and well lit route.

# 3 When You Are Out Playing:

- Do not play around water wells or other deep holes.
- Do not play around electric transformers or touch power lines.
- Do not get into abandoned storage tanks, refrigerators, or iceboxes.
- Do not play in abandoned buildings or climb on structures like powerline towers or water towers.
- Do not play near ponds or rivers.
- Do not hitch rides on railroad cars.
- Do not walk, play upon, or cross railroad tracks.

# 4 When You Are Out Walking:

- Avoid overgrown or wooded areas.
- Avoid dark streets, alleys, and parking lots.
- Do not accept rides with strangers. (Do not hitchhike.)
- Do not talk to strangers.
- Do not go into buildings with strangers.
- Do not permit strangers to touch or handle you.
- Do not go anywhere with a stranger even if they need help to locate a certain person or address.
- Do not run errands for strangers.
- Do not "Hire Out" to work, sell, or distribute things for strangers.
- Get away from strangers who become too friendly in parks, movies, pools, etc.
- Do not accept candy or money from strangers.
- Do not accept pictures or printed material from strangers.
- Stay away from parked vehicles containing strangers.