

Safety Bulletin from the National School District

Please be aware that a suspicious individual has been observed outside of several of the elementary school campuses in the area. Accordingly, please be especially vigilant regarding strangers and suspicious persons over the Fall Break.

Report any suspicious activity immediately! If children are approached by a stranger or witness suspicious activity, report it to law enforcement by dialing 911. Try to remember details such as the stranger's appearance and their clothing.

Visit the sex offender registry and familiarize your family and yourself with the registered sex offenders in your area:

<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/index.aspx?lang=ENGLISH>
<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/index.aspx?lang=SPANISH>

Below, please find some additional safety tips:

- ✓ Help children understand and identify the trusted grownups in their life.
- ✓ Teach children to always let a trusted grownup know where they are going.
- ✓ Children should play and travel in groups. Being alone makes them more susceptible.
- ✓ People who hurt children often scare them by saying that they will hurt their parents or other loved ones if they tell. Children can and should always tell a safe grownup if someone does something that hurts them or makes them feel uncomfortable.
- ✓ Teach children how to say "NO!" and get away fast if someone does or says something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- ✓ Teach children what kind of touching is appropriate and inappropriate.
- ✓ Abductors often trick children into going with them quietly. Teach your children that adults should ask for help from adults, not children. Abductors lure children into going with them by offering candy, toys, saying that their puppy is lost, or asking the child if they want to see a baby animal or if they can give them directions.
- ✓ Some abusers pay extra attention to a particular child, or give the child gifts for no reason in order to build trust with the child before they hurt him or her. Teach your child to tell you or a trusted adult immediately if someone gives them a gift or extra attention.