

Safety Tips from the SRPD

Dear Neighbors:

In response to last month's child enticement case, we were asked to send out some information as to what to do if this happens again:

Parents

A. Call 911 immediately and report the following;

Location of incident. Direction the suspect was last seen.

Description of suspect. Attempt to remember as much information as possible. Begin from the top down- Hair, facial hair, shirt, pants, race, height, weight and age. Any unusual jewelry, tattoos, marks or scars.

Description of suspect vehicle. Very important to attempt to obtain the license plate number.

Look for anything on the vehicle that stands out like bumper stickers, damage to vehicle, damaged or tinted windows.

If you have a cell phone and if it's safe to do so, take a photograph of the suspect and/or suspect vehicle. You could also video record via cell phone. Please remember to do this ONLY if it is safe to do so.

B. Parents should talk to their children regarding this topic.

Children

Do not talk to strangers.

Do not stop walking if a person is following you. If you feel you are being followed, find the first adult, house, or business you see and let them know you are being followed.

Do not ever stop and talk to a person that is inside a vehicle.

Do not ever enter a car or approach a car if a person asks you to get in.

Make as much noise as possible if someone attempts to grab you and place you in a vehicle.

Scream as loud as you can and fight as hard as you can.

Report suspicious people or vehicles to an adult immediately. Follow all the steps as above.

As always, please do not hesitate to call 911. Also please do not assume that someone else has called the police. Oftentimes, we hear about crimes that happened days earlier from the neighborhoods but find out that the police were never notified the day of the crime. Time is our enemy in these cases. The sooner we know about the information, the more likely it is we are able to solve the crime. If anyone has any other questions, please call Sergeant Jim Correa at 415-485-3195 or Lieutenant Dan Fink at 415-485-3148.