# Summer Safety Tips

keep your family safe...

Sheriff David J. Gladieux

**Parents, teach your children summer safety rules. Here are a few to get you started...**

- Always ask permission before going anywhere and always go with a buddy.
- Never accept anything from anyone without a parent or guardian's permission.
- Never approach a car or get into a car with anyone without your parent's permission.
- If you get lost, never search for parents on your own. Identify a safe person like a uniformed law enforcement officer, a mother with children, or an employee at the location where you are; know your phone numbers.
- Don't wear clothing displaying your name and don't assume that someone who knows your name is a trusted adult.
- Stay away from busy streets as well as water like pools, ponds or canals.
- Don't take shortcuts, plan your route with your parents and stick to it.
- Don't play outside after dark without checking with your parents and make sure to have on reflective clothing and shoes.
- When home alone, never answer the door or talk to anyone.
- When someone calls, never tell anyone that you are home alone and never give out any personal information, not even your name.
- Have a designated neighbor that you can call should something go wrong.
- Understand the rules clearly for what you can and can't do when your parents are not home.
- Never be afraid to say "NO" and GET AWAY from any person or situation making you feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. TRUST YOUR FEELINGS, and be sure to TELL a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.

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