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STRANGER DANGER - ALERT AND TIPS

There was a news report in Times City on Saturday, 3rd September, 2022 about an incident involving school children who had been approached by unidentified people outside the school luring them with various attractive offers like modeling, games, money, candy or something else appealing to entice them. Students and parents are thereby requested to remain alert and take necessary precautions for safety.

A Checklist for students, parents, teachers and security guards is given below:

- ➤ There are enough of CCTV cameras that cover the outside of the school and nearby areas, so identify and remain in those areas .These CCTV cameras has beefed up the security , so the children should utilize this safety measure and try to come under the surveillance radar.
- > Students should be taught that when they step out of school, they should not speak to strangers or accept anything from them. Make sure they know what to do if they are confronted by a stranger.
- Encourage the students to travel with peers while leaving the school premises.
- > Teach children how to anticipate and avoid potential hazards and dangers.
- ➤ Teach your children the tricks that strangers may use to get them to cars or follow them to other areas. These tricks may include offers of candy or money, asking for help in finding a lost pet, asking for directions and then pulling them into a car, or saying that they were sent by a parent to pick them up.
- ➤ Parents and children should agree on a secret password in case parents have to send someone else to pick them up.
- Move out of reach of someone they don't know well if they are in a place where there aren't many people around or if anyone's behavior is making them uncomfortable.
- ➤ Check and think first before taking a ride from anyone or going anywhere unless that was the plan, even with people they know.
- ➤ Be persistent in getting help even if adults are busy or impatient.
- Yell, run, make a scene, and fight if necessary to escape from an attack
- ➤ The safest route to follow on the way to and from school on foot is by avoiding isolated places, difficult streets to cross, and other hazards.
- Act aware, calm, and be confident in every situation.
- Follow your own safety plan even if a friend tries to persuade you to do otherwise.

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