



TEACH YOUR CHILD ABOUT ABDUCTION PREVENTION.

We understand that it is very difficult to talk to children and explain that there are some adults who harm children. Educating your child about abductions however, could save their life. Knowledge will empower your child. Explain to your child that lures are simply tricks that are used to gain their trust.

On ___/___/___ I explained to my child(ren) about the various "lures" predators use to harm children.

Parent's Signature

By signing below, my child(ren) agree to immediately tell me or another adult they trust if anyone tries to harm them in any way or lure them into a dangerous situation.

Child's Signature



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**REMEMBER...
LURES WORK.**

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L.U.R.E.

Look around, and be aware of what is going on around you.

Use your natural instincts—that gut feeling.

Respond—run, yell and tell a trusted adult.

Escape—don't hesitate to put dust and distance between you and your abductor.

Despite the many laws against kidnapping and molesting children, predators have not stopped. They are still abusing children and using every available trick to entice children away from the safety of family and friends. The predators are waiting to lure children once they are out of their zone of safety.

Lures work because a young child or teenager does not recognize these actions as threatening. Predators are inventive and prey on the vulnerability of young children – the same children we have taught to respect adults and be polite to them.

Children need to be taught the lures that are used by these predators. They also need to know that not all adults are deserving of their respect and that it is okay to question them. Stress that adults should always ask other adults for help and not children.

THE FOLLOWING LURES ARE TYPES USED BY CHILD PREDATORS AND MOLESTERS.

AFFECTION: a child that is a loner, unhappy or shy may be the target of a predator. If they can make the child feel important and loved by him or her, the child is more likely to go with them and keep the secret for fear of losing love and companionship.

ASSISTANCE: predators know children are willing to help and use this to their advantage. They will ask children to help find a lost pet or to help carry something to their car.

AUTHORITY: a uniform does not make a person a policeman, mailman, fireman, etc. Children need to know that they can ask for proper identification or go talk to another adult for help.

BRIBERY: money and gifts are often used to buy a child's trust or silence.

COMPUTERS: predators are using the Internet to meet children. They lie about themselves to win their victims' confidence. If they can get the child to give out information like their address or phone number, the predator can quickly have a map to their front door. Be aware of what your child is doing on the Internet and who they are talking to in chat rooms.

DRUGS: drugs and alcohol are used to attract children, weaken their resistance and make them vulnerable to molestation or attack.

EMERGENCY: the emergency lure is used to disrupt a child's normal precaution by playing on their emotions and concern for the safety of someone they love.

GAMES: games that should be innocent can be used to build the child's confidence or to provide a means to make contact with the child. Video arcades as well as games in your own home can provide that contact.

GLAMOR: ego building is very effective. A beauty contest, talent show or a photo shoot all provide an opportunity to gain access to a child.

COSTUMES: a superhero or a clown costume may be all it takes for a predator to get close to your child.

INJURY: a fake injury can be used to gain a child's sympathy.

JOB: a job offer should be carefully checked out by a child's parents before it is accepted. Babysitting is no exception and can be especially dangerous.

PORNOGRAPHY: children are curious about sex. Predators use pornography to expose children to sexual acts and to take photos or make videos.

THREATS: when nothing else works, predators will use a threat of violence against a child, their family or pets. This is done to gain control of the child, keep them silent or to get them to leave with the predator.

TOYS: a toy can be used to lure a child into a playful relationship and build trust, which allows the predator to make intimate contact with the child.

ICE CREAM VENDORS: be sure you go with your child to buy from the neighborhood ice cream man. The "ice cream music" has been used to abduct a child, leaving behind the child's money, bike and a family who loves the child.