

Macy Family Notice

It is prudent to remind our Macy families of the job we must all do in working together to keep our children safe. Parents please notify the school office if you are aware of a young child who may be walking by themselves to and from school. Below is a Top Nine List for making sure the kids are getting to and from school-home safely.



Keep an **EAGLE EYE** out for safety!

9 TIPS FOR WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY

Develop a buddy-system; walk in packs

Students should never walk alone.

If possible, parents or adult guardians should walk their children to school.

If an adult is not available, children need to walk in groups with at least two or three other students.

Avoid Shortcuts

Students must never take shortcuts or cut through alleys or across vacant lots.

Avoid Abandoned Houses and Businesses

Students must avoid walking near abandoned structures and never enter or play near them.

Be Alert

Students must be taught to observe the world around them and to report anyone suspicious to their parents, school personnel, or the police.

Be on Time and Check-In

No matter where they are headed, (school, home, practice, a friend's house), children need to be on time, everyday, and check-in with an adult when they get to where they are going.

Say "NO", Then 'Go and Tell'

Teach children to say "No" and "I am going to tell", when they are threatened or uncomfortable.

REMEMBER - Children are usually hurt by someone they know, not strangers.

Turn on Porch Lights

Parents and neighbors should turn on porch lights and other outdoor lights before dawn and at dusk.

Safe Houses

Develop a plan with neighbors and local businesses on your child's route to school.

Have an agreement with them that your child can go there in case of an emergency.

Make sure to practice this routine with them.

Important Phone Numbers and Contact Information

Rehearse, rehearse, rehearse all necessary contact numbers and addresses with your child.

These include:

- work and pager numbers
- numbers of trusted adult
- the school phone number

A "Contact Card" with this information needs to be placed in a child's backpack and/or shoe.

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