



Safe Environment Children's Training Outline Summer Safety Tips Can Help Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Children are more vulnerable during summer vacation time. The Summer Safety Lesson is in addition to the lesson taught earlier in the year. It is to be presented before the end of the school year or Religious Education classes. The attached parent handout should also be sent home!

A perfect way to review what the children have learned about the Teaching Touching Safety rules is to have them think about real life situations that they might encounter over the summer. **When doing this exercise always ask for examples from your students first what they are doing during this coming summer!** This is important because they will be teaching you and the class what they have learned. Here are a few of the common examples that might come up!

1. How many of you are going to a camp this summer? Name the five rules that you learned in Teaching Touching Safety that will help to keep you safe:

- No one has a right to touch me in any way that makes me feel unsafe or uncomfortable or ask me to touch them. This includes other children.
- If someone touches me or asks me to touch them I will say "No" and "Get Away"
- I will tell a trusted adult, such as another camp counselor, immediately and tell my parents!
- I know it is "Never" my fault.

2. How many of you are going on vacation this summer? Things you can discuss with your family:

- Set an assigned meeting place in case you get separated or lost.
- If you have cell phones keep them on so you can reach one another.
- If you have a problem, and cannot find your parents, go to a security guard, store employee, etc.

3. How many of you are allowed to meet your friends at the mall or at a movie? (Older students) Tell me some things you can do to keep yourself safe:

- Always stay together with your friend(s), never go off alone!
- If someone starts bothering you or following you, tell a uniformed security person immediately.
- Don't leave the mall or movie theater until you have confirmed the parent or guardian who scheduled to pick you up, has arrived.

4. How many of you will be going to the beach or swimming pools this summer? Name some rules you need to obey:

- Do not go in the water without a parent or other responsible adult's permission.
- Never swim alone!
- Stay in immediately view of a responsible adult such as your parent and/or a lifeguard.

5. Will you be home alone this summer? Name some things you need to know to keep safe:

- Never answer the door.
- If you answer the phone, tell the person your parent can't come to the phone right now, and that you will take a message.
- Be careful not to give out any personal information on the computer or your cell phone.
- If anything happens, call 911 immediately for help!

Have a happy summer everyone and don't forget to stay safe!

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