

# STAYING SAFE ABROAD



An OSAC presentation  
just for Kids!

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- Keeping safe overseas is a lot like keeping safe in the USA
- Listening to the “voice inside” will keep you safer here, just like it does in the USA



# YOUR "STAR" SAFETY TEAM

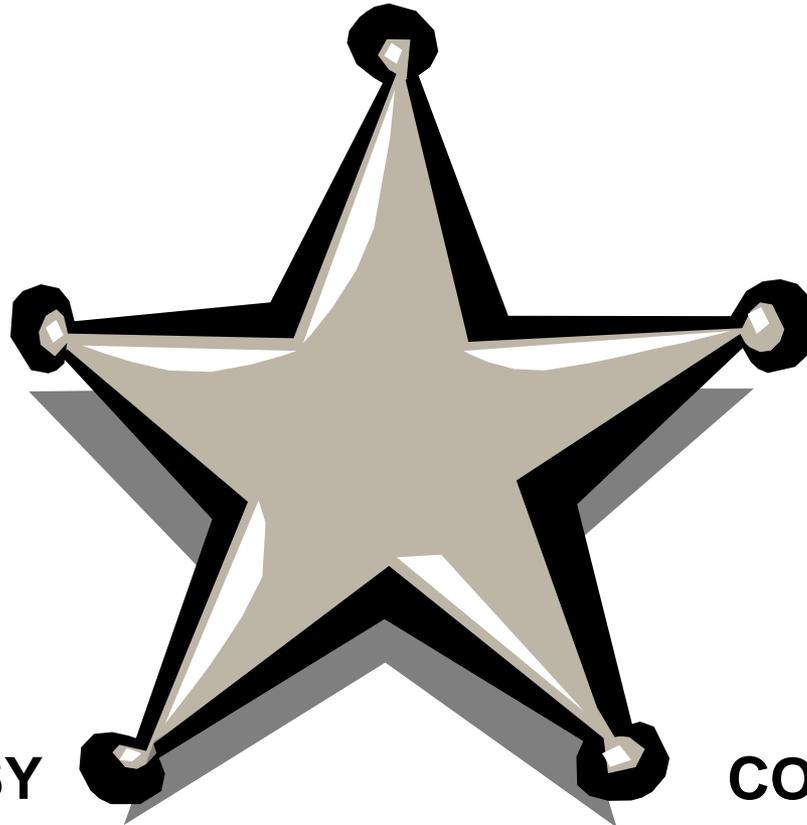
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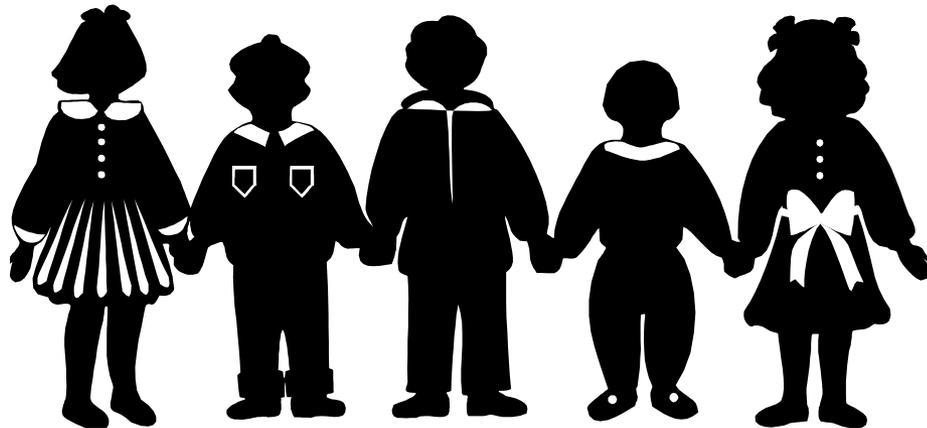
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# YOUR "STAR" SAFETY TEAM

- The most important point on the star is.....**YOU!!**



# Regional Security Office

- Keeping your parents safe at work
- Helping your parents keep you safe at home
- Meet your RSO, and learn his or her phone number: it's your "Overseas 9-1-1"



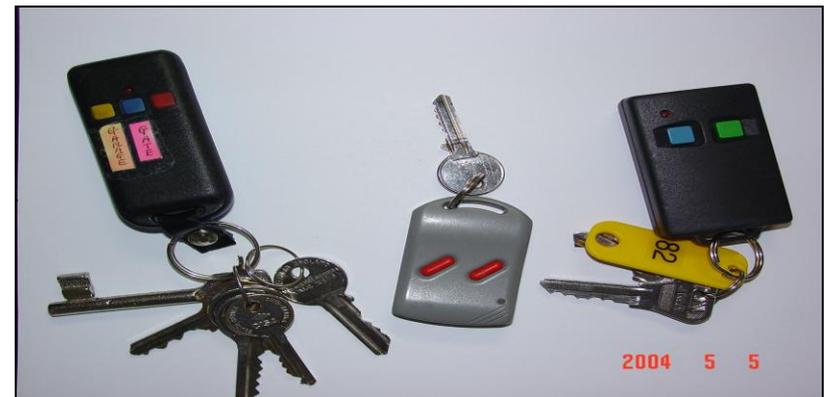
# SAFE AT HOME

- Your house is the safest place in town...as long as you help keep it that way
- Thinking ahead and being prepared will keep you safe!



# SAFE AT HOME

- Make sure the doors are locked whenever you're inside
- Don't carry gate openers in your pocket...you might open the gate without even knowing it!



# SAFE AT HOME

- NEVER open the door to someone you don't know and trust, no matter what they say or do:
  - "I'm a friend of the family"
  - "I'm here to see your housekeeper"
  - Dressed like a policeman or another city worker
  - "I'm from the Embassy"



# SAFE AT HOME

- Learn how to use the phone in emergencies
- Memorize important numbers, or keep them by the phone
  - Embassy:
  - RSO:
  - Duty Officer:



# SAFE AT HOME

- Don't give out information - your name, address, etc.
- NEVER tell a caller your parents aren't home
- Tell them "my mom/dad can't come to the phone right now" and take a message



# SAFE AT HOME

- Answer questions with questions:
  - Them: "Hello, who is this?"
  - You: "Hello, who is this?"
- If you get a call from a stranger, or a call that makes you uncomfortable, tell your parents right away



# SAFE AT HOME



- What kind of activity doesn't "fit" around the home and neighborhood?
  - Watching houses & gates
  - Sitting around without a reason
  - The same person "passing by" within one hour
- Call your parents or RSO!

# SAFE AT HOME

- Guns are found in many homes
- If you find a gun:
  - **Do not touch it!**
  - Tell an adult!
- All guns are real AND loaded until an adult tells you otherwise.



# SAFE IN TOWN

- This may not be the biggest place you've ever lived, but you still need to follow the same rules to stay safe as you would in any large city



# SAFE IN TOWN

- If you're out with friends, **STAY TOGETHER**
- You are always safer in a group than you are alone
- If lost or separated, don't wander around. Find an adult in charge and let them know.



# SAFE IN TOWN



- If you're going in a group, someone should have a cell phone
- Keep the phone in your pocket-- cell phones are popular and easy to steal
- Memorize important numbers to call for help in case you lose your phone

# SAFE IN TOWN

- Be a "HARD TARGET:"
  - Aware of your surroundings
  - Know where you are and where you're going
  - Safe places you could go
  - Play the "what if" game



# SAFE IN TOWN

- Carry valuables in front pockets to keep thieves from grabbing your stuff
- Be careful about displaying anything of value--- it's like a neon sign that says "Please Steal My Stuff"
- Keep control of your stuff at all times



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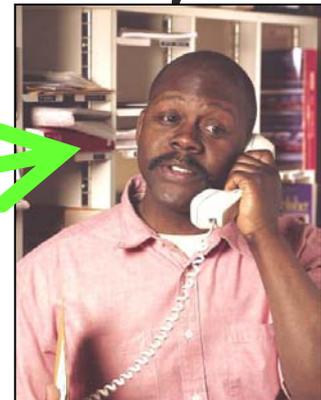
- But if someone confronts you and demands your money, your bag, etc...

**GIVE IT TO THEM!**

**You are worth more than your stuff!**  
Things can be replaced, but you can't!

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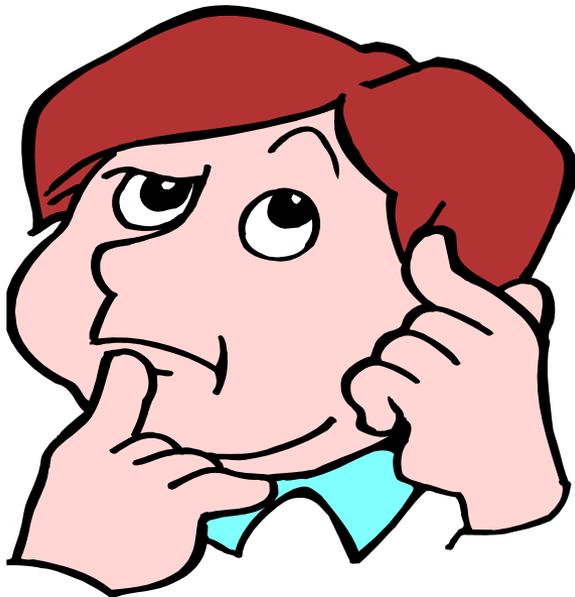
- Your parents should know where you are at ALL times
- Some families work out a "code word" which can be used to let your parents know you need their help right away.



# SAFE IN TOWN

- Who is a stranger?
- Stay away from strangers, and don't accept rides from people you don't know
- If the stranger doesn't back off, be ready to say **"No! Leave me alone!!"**

# SAFE IN TOWN



- Remember as much as you can about the stranger, so you can let adults know later:
  - How tall?
  - What did he/she look like?
  - Language spoken?
  - What did he/she say?
  - Did he/she have a car?  
What color and kind?
  - Anyone with him/her?

# SAFE IN TOWN

- Strangers aren't the only people who can cause you trouble-- sometimes people we know can create situations we should avoid:
  - Fighting
  - Shoplifting
  - Alcohol and drugs
- The best way to avoid these problems is to stay away from places where you know they take place



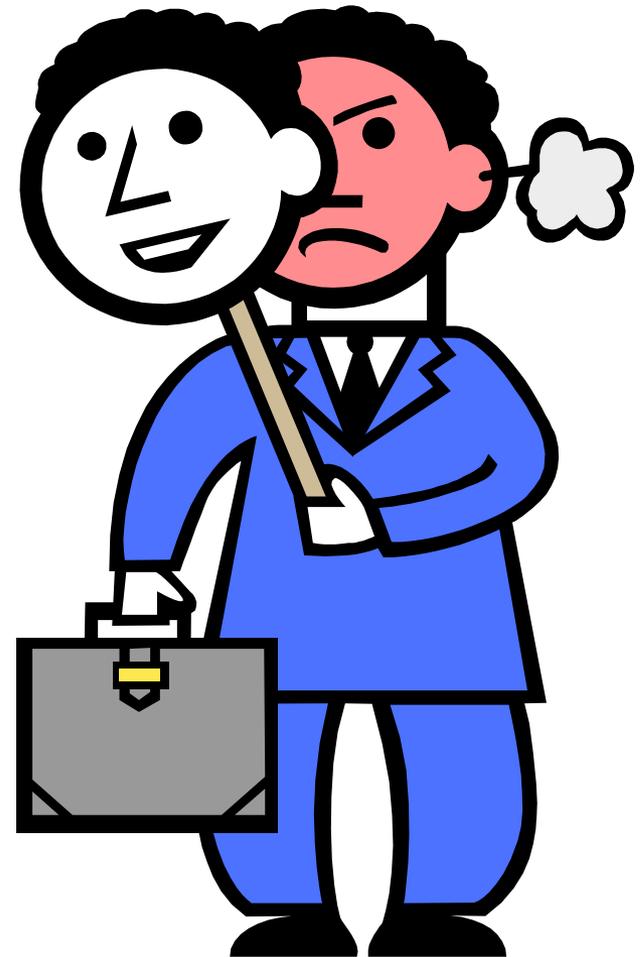
# SAFE ON THE INTERNET



- The Internet can be a great place to make friends and learn, but you should be careful
- Most important rule: **ALWAYS** get your parents' permission before using the Net.

# SAFE ON THE INTERNET

- How do you know whether people on the Internet really are who they say they are?



# SAFE ON THE INTERNET

- Don't give out too much info:
  - Your full name
  - Your passwords and addresses
  - "But what does your Mom/Dad *REALLY* do at the Embassy?"



# SAFE ON THE INTERNET



- NEVER send anyone your picture without your parents' permission
- NEVER arrange to meet with someone you meet on the internet without your parents' permission

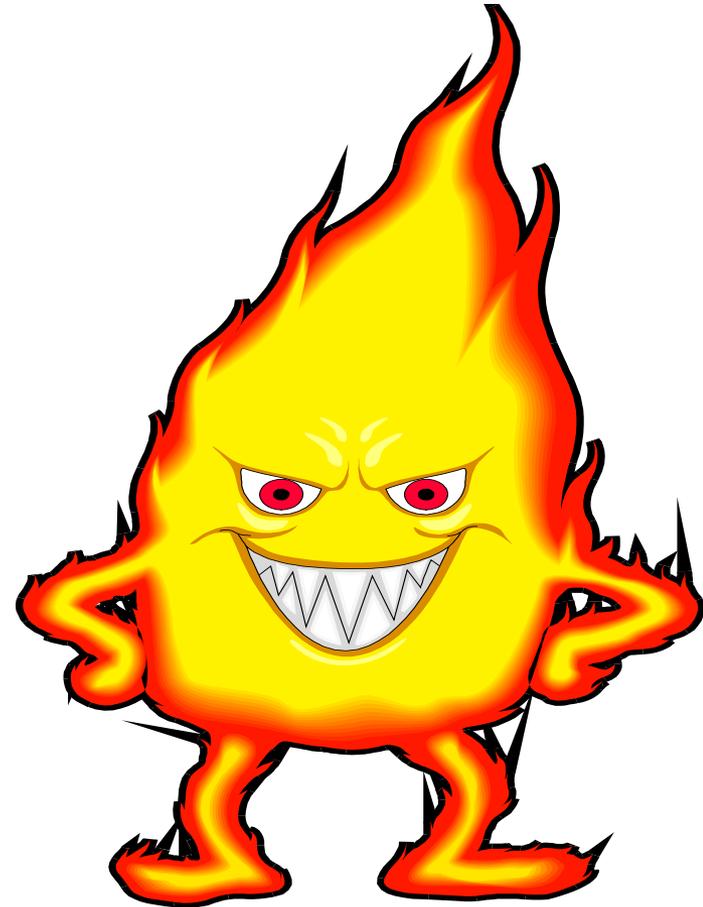
# SAFE ON THE INTERNET

- Let your parents know **RIGHT AWAY** if you get a strange e-mail or see anything on the internet that you know isn't right to see



# FIRE SAFETY

- Fires can be even more dangerous abroad than in the USA
  - Houses may be older and made of more things that burn easily
  - Not wired for electricity the same way as houses in the USA
  - Dry environment- fire spreads quickly!
  - Fire Department may not come right away



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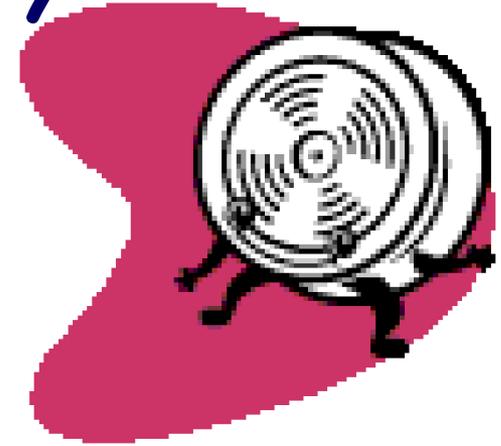
Every family should HAVE A PLAN

- How to get out of the house
- Where to go
- Who to call, and how



# FIRE SAFETY

- Smoke detectors:
  - Check once a year
  - Make sure your parents replace the batteries.
- Fire Drills
  - How to get out
  - Where to meet up



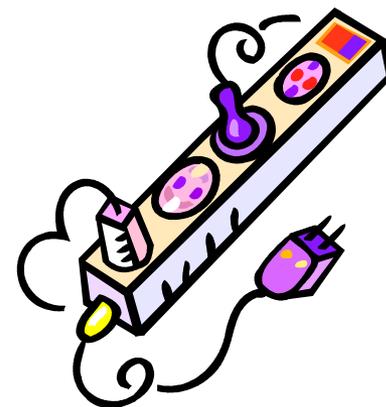
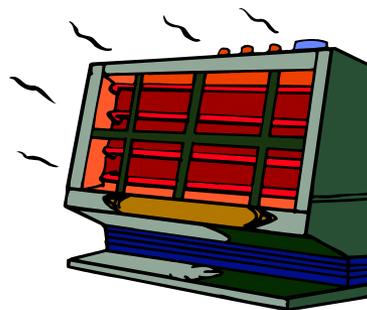
# FIRE SAFETY

- Smoke rises, so stay DOWN
- Touch the door to see if it's hot BEFORE opening
- Don't worry about pets; they'll get out on their own.
- IF your clothes catch fire:
  - Stop
  - Drop
  - Roll



# FIRE SAFETY

- Help your parents prevent fires in the home
  - Power problems/overloaded outlets
  - Heaters
  - Rags in a pile
  - Gasoline



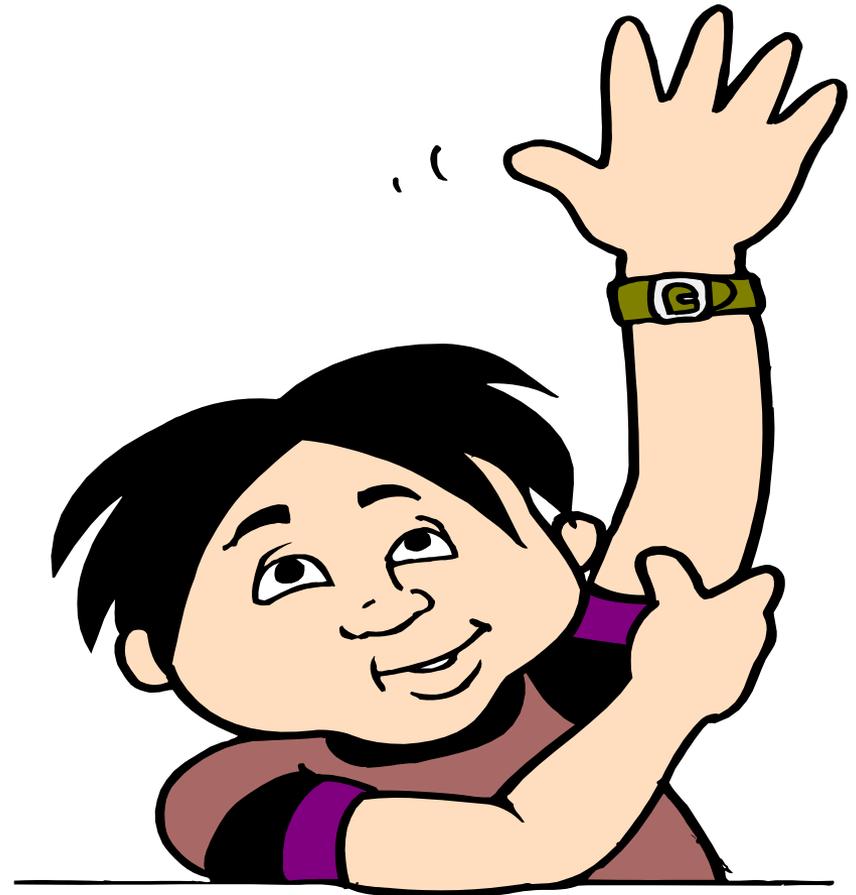
# QUESTIONS



- You're home alone and a delivery person arrives with a package. What should you do?
- The phone rings and the caller asks if your parents are home. You know they aren't. What do you say?

# QUESTIONS

- What should you take with you when escaping from a fire at home?
- Name one thing you should do if you find a gun.



# QUESTIONS



- What phone numbers should you know by heart?
- A man stops you on the street and demands your backpack. He says he has a knife, but you can't see it. What do you do?

OSAC hopes this presentation helps you...

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