

WELCOME TO OUR SAFE ENVIRONMENT for Grades 3-5

Safe Environment Training Video

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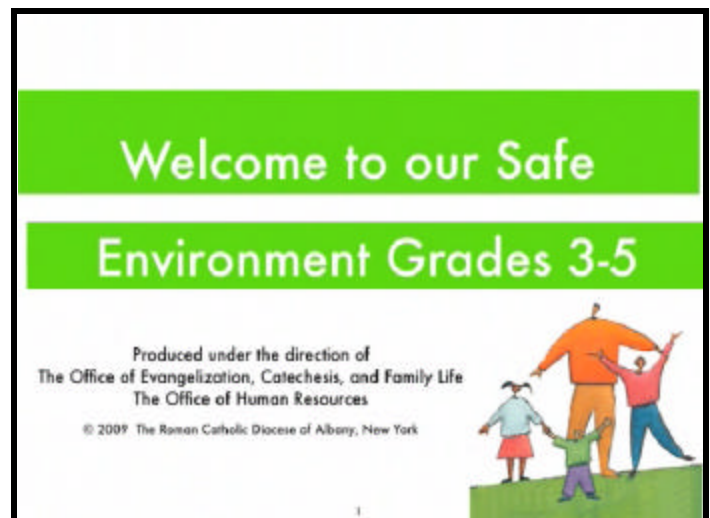
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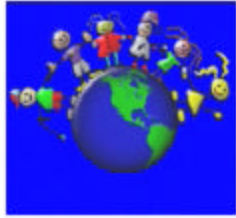
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Welcome to Our Safe Environment!

Let's be safe at all times...



God Loves Us



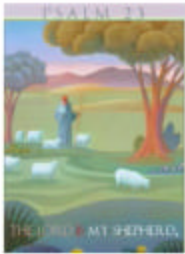
And wants us to be safe.

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God loves us and wants us to be safe from harm.

Let Us Pray Together



The Lord is my Shepherd.
There is nothing I lack.
In green pastures you let me graze.
To safe waters you lead me.
You restore my strength.

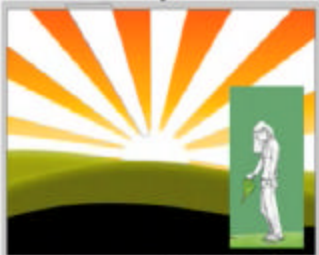
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Let us pray together:

The Lord is my shepherd.
There is nothing I lack.
In green pastures you let me graze.
To safe waters you lead me.
You restore my strength.

You guide me along the right path
For the sake of your name.
Even when I walk through a dark valley,
I fear no harm for you are at my side.



Your rod and your staff give me courage
Only goodness and love will follow me
All the days of my life.

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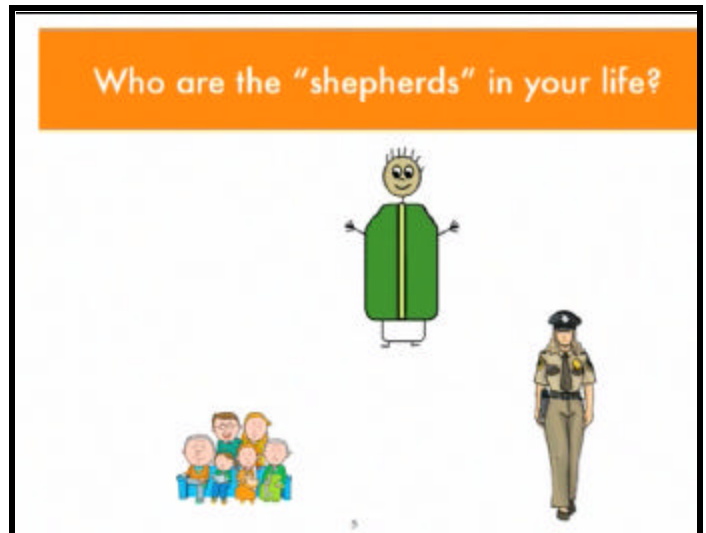
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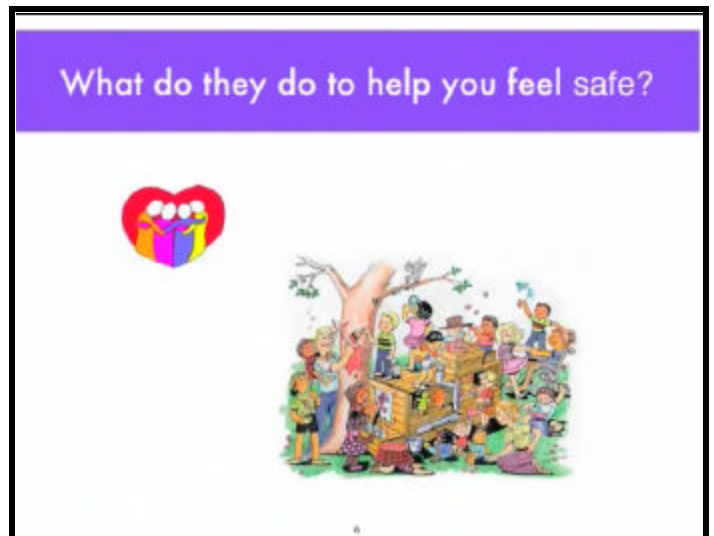
Who are the adults who help you to feel safe, like the “shepherd” in the psalm we prayed?

Your mom?, dad?, your teacher?,
your grandma?



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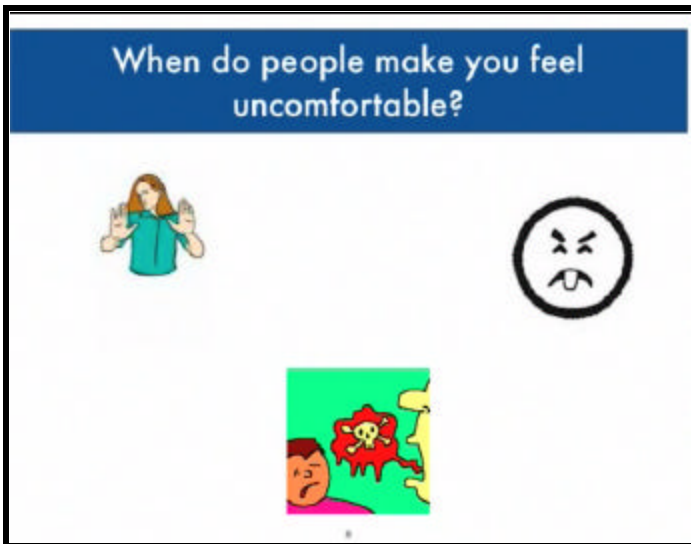
What do they do to help you feel safe? People make us feel safe when we know they love us and want to protect us from harm.



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They guide us and help us make decisions that are for our good.





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But there are some people who say or do things that make us feel uncomfortable and unsafe. What are some of those things?

Did you say...

Unwelcome affection (like tickling you too much, or forcing you to kiss)?

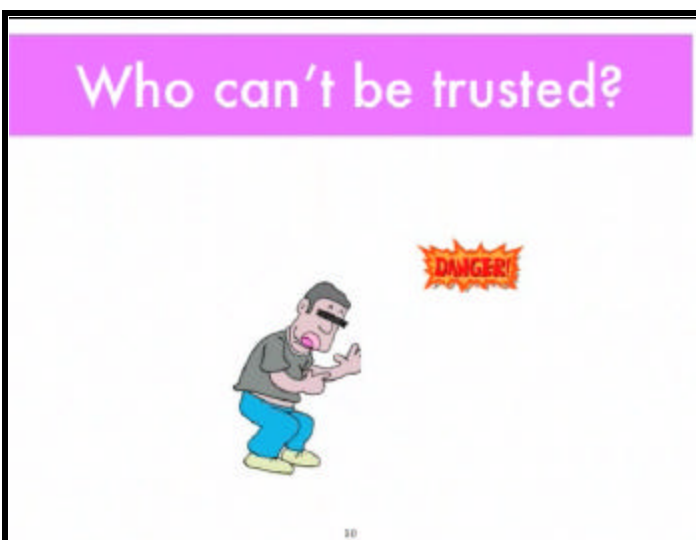


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Uncomfortable touching (like hugging too tight or too long, or touching inappropriately)?

Being forced to do something that makes you uncomfortable?

Being told to keep a secret about inappropriate touching?



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Today we're going to learn to recognize people who cannot be trusted to keep you safe or who might try to trick you into situations that make you feel uncomfortable. These people are called predators.

These people are not always strangers.

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Often, predators are known to you and try to get you to like or trust them first. They often will use gifts of candy, money or toys to do get you to like them. Sometimes they promise you something you want, if you do what they ask or keep secrets they want you to keep.

These are some of the “lures” tricky people use.



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(The Bad News Trick)

Sometimes the predator tells you something bad has happened at home (your parent is sick or there was a fire, etc) and he has come to pick you up. He does this to try to get you alone.

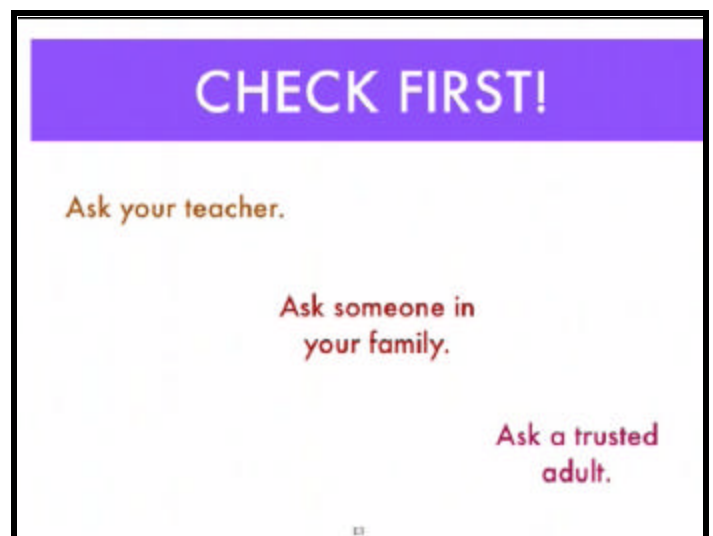
So what should you do?



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Check first!

Always check with your parents or the adult taking care of you before any plans are changed. If you are at school, check first with your teacher or principal; if you are out of school, check with your sitter or the adult in charge. Always tell your parents or the adult in charge where you are at all times and who you will be with.



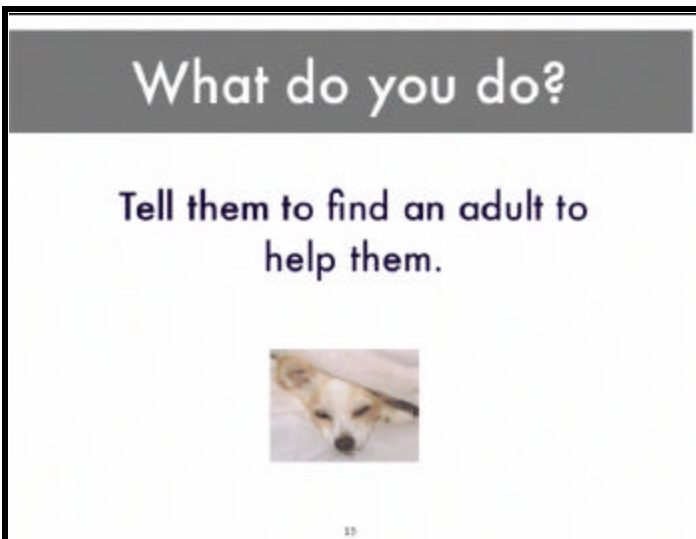


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(The "Help Me" Trick)

The predator might ask you for directions, to find a lost pet, or to help them carry something to their car.

What should you do?



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Get away and go to the adult in charge of you. Tell them what's happening and they will decide if it's safe and take action. Remember it is not your responsibility to help an adult with directions or finding a lost pet.



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(The "Game" Trick)

The predator might lure you into playing a game that includes wrestling or tickling in order to touch you inappropriately.

So what should you do?

Say NO, GET AWAY, TELL AN ADULT



Always tell your trusted adult when someone makes you feel uncomfortable or when someone tells you to keep a secret about an uncomfortable situation. If the first adult you tell doesn't listen, keep on telling!

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Practice saying “No” now

Practice saying “NO”

- I feel uncomfortable playing this game. I need you to **STOP** and let me go.



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(The “Internet” Trick)

Predators often act as though they are the same age as you in order to establish an online friendship or get your personal information.

Sometimes they will try to set up a meeting with you.

The “Internet” Trick



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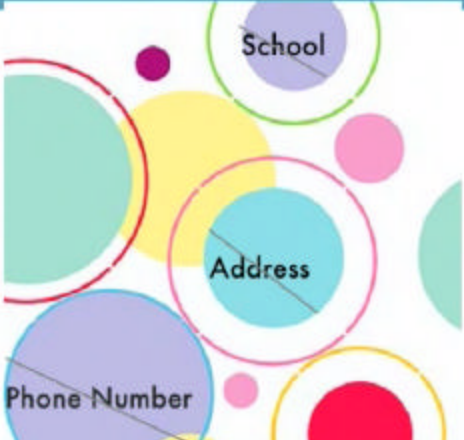
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Never give out any personal information to anyone you do not know. – like your address, phone number or where you go to school.

Always use the computer in a public place in your home where your parents can see it.

Always tell your parents if someone asks you something or sends you something that makes you uncomfortable.

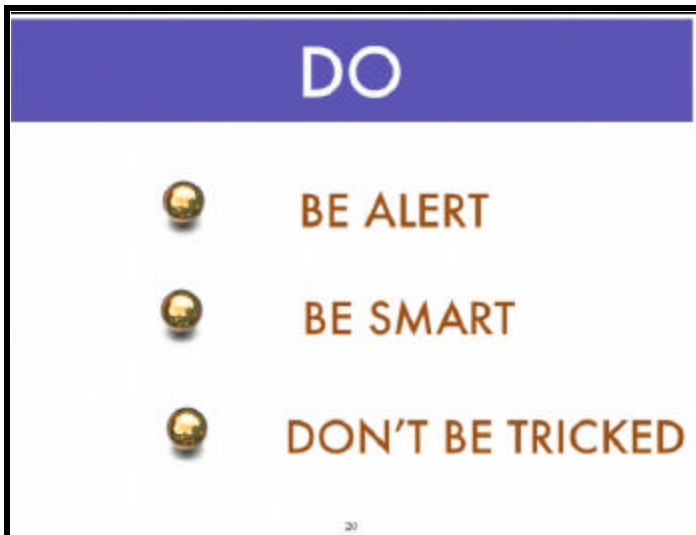
DON'T



School

Address

Phone Number



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It's important to remember..... Always be alert.

Lures are meant to “trick” you into unsafe situations.

Even if we know the lures, we can get tricked into them without realizing it.

Think about one new thing you learned today about lures that will help you stay safe.

Remember God loves you and wants you to be safe from harm.



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Let us pray together:

May God's love surround you
 And protect you from harm
 At home, at school and at play.
 For ourselves and our friends
 And for those hurt by others
 We pray for all today.

In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Catechists' Note:

This presentation may be supplemented by the video, “For Pete’s Sake, Tell”, available in the Diocesan Video and Resource Center for free rental.

