

What is a strange person?

Whilst most people are friendly and genuine, there are some who mean harm to children.

We would like children to follow the below advice when they meet a stranger – someone they haven't met before. You can't tell if a person you do not know is good or bad, even if they look and seem nice.

Always...

- Say NO to a stranger
- Stay away from strangers
- Play with your friends and when playing away from home, look after your younger brothers and sisters and friends.
- Tell your parents, or a responsible adult that you know, where you are going, who you are going with and what time you will be back.
- Return home by the agreed time.
- Tell your parents, teacher, police officer or responsible adult that you know if you approached by a stranger.
- Go home as quickly as you can if a stranger comes up to you. If you can't get home, go somewhere you know will be safe, like your school or a police station.



Never...

- Walk off with a stranger.
- Go near or get into a strange car or van, whatever the stranger says.
- Take sweets or presents, even if it is something you really want.
- Go off on your own.
- Play near to public toilets, building sites, empty buildings or busy roads.

