



Are your kids safe thinkers? Ask them these 5 questions to find out.

What would you do if you heard a loud boom?

Loud booms are generally associated with an explosion, gunshot, car crash, or other harmful event. Kids should understand loud booms signify danger. Encourage your children to think of a loud boom as a danger signal.



Why are weapons dangerous?

Children need to understand what weapons are and why they can cause harm. Every child should know what a weapon is and why weapons can hurt them. Remember, there are many items that can become weapons in the wrong hands.



Why is it important to always listen to me & other trusted adults?

In a dangerous situation, action can equal survival. Help your child understand the necessity of obedience by telling them why they must "obey without delay." Use everyday examples of safety situations (crossing the street, staying close in a store, etc.) to help them understand.



When you feel scared, what do you do?

Fear is nature's way of telling us something is wrong! It's important to talk to your child about fear and explain how fear can be helpful when danger is present. Discuss fear coping strategies and encourage your child not be ashamed of their fears.



What would you do if I told you to hide from danger?

Hiding is an effective strategy children can implement during a violent event. Encourage your child to hide and be very, very quiet until a trusted adult tells them to stop hiding. Have your child show you their best hiding skills and take a picture of them. Show your child the picture so they can see their hiding from a different perspective.

