



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

What would you do if you saw someone wearing a very heavy coat on a hot day?  
**Why is this strange?**



Violent individuals often conceal weapons under heavy coats. Encourage your child to immediately tell you when they see this or other suspicious behaviors. Ensure your child knows how/who to notify if they see a suspicious person. Have your child tell you an example of suspicious behavior.

What would you do if someone asked you to do **something that seems weird?**

Children have instincts, just like adults. Encourage your child to listen to their instincts if something doesn't feel right. Have your child notify you or a trusted adult if they've been asked to do something that feels weird. If it feels weird, it probably is.



When do words become dangerous?  
When is the right time to **tell somebody?**

There comes a time when words become dangerous. Encourage your child to immediately report any instances of violent threats, including posts on social media. Many violent incidents have been averted by parents and children who were aware of words that became dangerous.



What should you do if you **see a fight?**

Strongly discourage your child from being a spectator, joining the fight, or recording the fight on their cell phone. Make sure your child knows to leave the area and notify a teacher or other trusted adult immediately.



When is it OK to **defend yourself?**

Every person has the right to defend themselves from physical harm. Your child should know that it's ok to use physical force to fend off an attack. Explain the difference between defending yourself and retaliation.

