

**SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS** from Rosemarie L. D'Alessandro,

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- **No door to door selling at all:** Don't allow your child to go to anyone's house to sell fundraising items, even if they are older or with anyone else, even parents. Sell with adults as a group in front of a store.
- **Don't be a bystander:** If you see, know or believe a child is being molested or hurt by anyone which includes family, stand up for the child. One way to do so is by contacting the authorities. Another way is to bring up the subject person to person. Do not assume someone else will do something. Also protect the child by your awareness of the situation.
- **Communication:** Encourage open communication with your children. Make sure they tell you where they're going and what they are doing.
- **Be extra observant of your child using the internet:** You can put the computer in the family room. Always check the web sites they go to often. Keep up to date with new schemes used
- **Make a plan:** If your child were to get separated from you or is lost, they are vulnerable. Make a plan ahead of time on what to do.
- **Don't allow secrets:** Tell your child never to listen to someone who tells them to keep a secret from you. They should be taught to tell you immediately and also to tell you if they feel uncomfortable around anyone.
- **Know adults who are around your children:** When possible get background checks for any adults who will be alone with your children for a period of time such as childcare workers.

If you have any questions concerning tips you can contact me at Rosebd@email.com. For more information or to a make donation toward the important cause to keep children safe

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