



Away From Home Safety Tips

★ Give children your cell phone number.

Young children should wear it in a visible place while older children can keep it handy in a pocket. The information can help speak for the child if he/she is unable.

★ Teach children to ask another mommy for help if he/she gets lost.

Young and/or panicked children may not be able to find an official authority quickly.

★ Dress children in brightly colored, easily identifiable clothing.

Bright colors help you and assisting authorities to easily spot your child in a crowd.

★ Carry a recent picture of each of your children.

On the back, write down your child's hair color, eye color, height, weight, any distinguishing marks, and special needs. If the child is one of identical multiples, note that as well.

★ Congratulate your child for staying with you while at a public place.

Positive reinforcement is the best way to elicit the desired behavior from your child.

★ If your child is suddenly missing, stay calm and quickly find an employee to trigger a lost child procedure.

Many public places have specific procedures when a child is reported missing. Call 911 if you feel that your child may be in danger.

★ If your child does get lost, celebrate your reunion.

Don't react by yelling at your child because the next time, he/she might choose to remain lost rather than be yelled at again.