



YOUTH SAFETY IN SEATTLE



STARTING A DISCUSSION AROUND SAFETY

- Start the conversation around safety early and follow up every 6-12 months to ensure the information is still fresh.
- Empower your children to listen to their gut instincts and intuition.
- Talk about past experiences you or your children may have experienced- try to learn from them and discuss what to do if they occur again in the future.

WHAT IF PLANNING

- Start a conversation about what-if concerns that could happen and how both youth and parents want to respond and act.
- Start small- think of less intense safety situations to talk through and build up to more intense scenarios.
- Plan to spend time with your youth in the locations they frequent and brainstorm things to do if emergencies occur in those areas.

REPORTING TO 911

KNOW YOUR LOCATION

Be able to give the physical address, cross streets, or unique landmarks so 911 knows where you need help.

DON'T WASTE TIME

Call 911 as soon as it is safe for you to do so. Seattle Police cannot see posts to Nextdoor or other social media.

GIVE GOOD DESCRIPTIONS

Be sure to give good descriptions of what happened and who is involved - vehicles, people, direction of travel.