



FSA – Keeping You Safe

How to Prepare for Back-to-School Safety

Back-to-school safety is just as important as back-to-school shopping. August marks the first month that many Florida students will return to school. Although safety on school grounds is ultimately the responsibility of the school staff, parents can take a few simple steps to ensure a safe school experience. Perhaps you and your child(ren) can arrange a secret password that only you all are familiar with. Then, if you should get held up in traffic or at work and need a friend or someone to pick him/her up, that person would need to know the password.

Florida Sheriffs are looking forward to a safe and successful school year and recommend that you review the following back-to-school safety tips provided by the [Brevard County Sheriff's Office](#):¹

Parents... Teach Your Children:

- ✎ A stranger is a person you do not know. Most strangers are nice, but bad strangers and good strangers look and act the same, so avoid all strangers.
- ✎ Their full name, address, and phone number, including area code.
- ✎ Your full name, where you work, and phone number.
- ✎ Scream, kick, yell and scream "Fire!" if they are in trouble.
- ✎ How to make a long distance call, get the operator, and dial 9-1-1 using a variety of phones.
- ✎ Never walk or play alone outside at night.
- ✎ Come home before dark.
- ✎ Never go anywhere unless you have your parent's permission and Secret Password. Stress how important it is that they have permission even if they are going with a family member, friend of the family, etc.
- ✎ A sheriff, deputy, officer or other law enforcement professional is his or her friend.



For more tips please visit the Florida Sheriffs Association's Crime Prevention Tips: flsheriffs.org/crime-prevention

¹ <https://www.brevardsheriff.com/home/commands-services/community-services/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-tips/parents-back-to-school-safety/>