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CHILD SAFETY TIPS

In light of the two recent lewdness incidents, the Rye Police Department offers the following safety tips for parents to discuss with their children:

- Know the routes your children take, especially to and from school. Practice walking the routes with them so you can point out places they should avoid or where they can go for help.
- There is safety in numbers, whenever possible, children should walk in groups.
- Walk in public and well lit areas.
- Do not talk to strangers and never approach or enter a vehicle with a stranger
- If approached by a stranger, yell, run to safety, or otherwise attract attention

Say exactly what is happening:

Examples:

"Help, this is not my Dad."

"Help, this is not my Mom."

"Help, I don't know this person."

"Help, call the police."

- Try to remember license plate numbers or other descriptive information about the vehicle and person(s)
- Call 911 immediately and report suspicious behavior to the police

In today's day and age, there is no reason that an adult should be asking a child for directions, wanting to show or offer them a puppy, give them candy, offer them money, offer them a ride or anything else on a public street. These are always red flags, cause for concern and warrant immediate notification to police.