

IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL AND CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION
FROM THE MOKENA POLICE DEPARTMENT



The fall will soon be upon us, and with that, children will be returning to school and darkness occurs earlier. Here are some suggestions for keeping your child safe and to help them not become a victim of a crime.

- Have your child report strangers on the school playground or in hallways of the school to a teacher or police officer.
- Teach your child how to give a description of someone. What color are the subject's clothes, height and weight according to their teachers or parents.
- Never put your Child's name (first or last) on the outside of clothes. Children are more likely to respond to someone who knows their name.
- Make a special code word up with your child and tell them to never go with anyone who does not know the code word. Also tell your child to never tell anyone his or her code word.
- When your child comes home from school, always have them check with you, before they leave for a friend's house. Know the names, addresses and telephone numbers of your children's friends.
- Advise your child to never enter a car or home of someone other than a trusted adult whom you have discussed.
- Explain the many situations children may find themselves in where a dangerous person may approach them and the proper safe action to take. Teach your child the safe places to go near your home or school like a Block Home, Police Department or other trusted place.
- If your child has encountered a stranger or a dangerous situation, please call the police immediately. The reporting on an incident could help others from becoming a victim.