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Summer Safety Tips for Parents

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Ensuring your family's and neighborhood's safety involves proactive measures and community cooperation. Here are some practical steps to help achieve this:

Know Where Your Children Are

1. **Communicate Plans:** Ensure your children inform you before leaving the house and provide a return time.
2. **Exchange Information:** Have them leave a contact number for their location.
3. **Tracking Devices:** Consider a trackable watch, air tag or app for your child so you know where they are.

Help Children Learn Important Phone Numbers

1. **Memorize Key Numbers:** Teach your children their home phone number, address, and work cell numbers.
2. **Carry Contact Information:** If memorization is difficult, write down these numbers on a card and have them carry it at all times.

Set Limits on Where Your Children Can Go

1. **Define Boundaries:** Specify which areas in the neighborhood are off-limits, such as busy roads, alleys, or private property.
2. **Teach them about the rules of the road.**

Get to Know Your Children's Friends and Their Parents

1. **Meet and Greet:** Meet your children's friends and parents. Keep a list of their contact numbers.
2. **Meet the parents:** Either in person or by phone, and inquire about their supervision practice and planned activities.

These steps can enhance your family's safety and create a more secure and connected neighborhood.

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