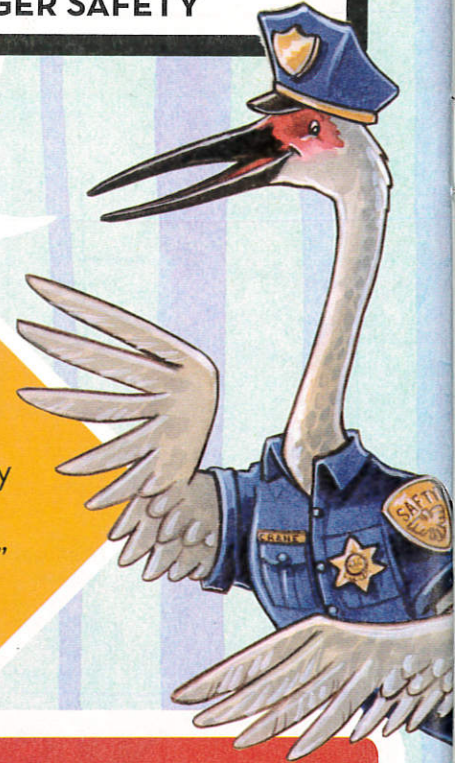


OFFICER CRANE SAYS ...

A stranger is someone you don't know. Most strangers are nice, but a few of them are not. Because you cannot tell who is nice and who is not by looking, it is very, very important to let your parents (or the grown-ups who take care of you) tell you whether or not it is okay to talk to someone you have never met before.

OFFICER CRANE'S RULES FOR STRANGER SAFETY



1. Always stay with your parents or babysitter. If they give you permission to be somewhere alone (your backyard, for example), stay there.

2. If a stranger approaches you, back away. If the stranger comes closer, run away and yell, "I don't know you. You're a stranger," just like Jamie did.

3. Never go anywhere with a stranger. Sometimes strangers might offer you treats or ask you for help. You shouldn't take anything from a stranger. And if a stranger asks you for help finding a lost pet or a certain house in your neighborhood, don't do it. Adults should ask other adults to help them.

4. You might have to talk to a stranger if you get lost in a busy place, like a grocery store or the mall. Stop walking and look for a mommy with kids or a person who works in the store behind the cash register. Tell that person that you are lost and you need help. That person can help you find a police officer or your parents.

5. Talk to your parents about what to say when you answer the phone. When someone you don't know calls, put your parents on the phone or talk to the caller using the words your parents have taught you to say. If you get an email from a stranger, tell your parents right away.