

PREFACE

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

Dear Parents:

Hi, my name is Tony Newsom. I am a fulltime Los Angeles Police Officer. As I write this book, I am not representing the Los Angeles Police Department, but I am representing you, the parent.

Did you know, 95% of All Currently Taught Student Safety Tips Are Outdated?

Have you ever given your children any of the following safety tips?

- a) Don't talk to strangers
- b) Use the buddy system when walking to & from school
- c) You can go to your friend's house, as long as one of their parents are going to be there
- d) Be respectful and do what adults tell you to
- e) You can go online, as long as you are careful

If so, then you are not alone. Although the safety tips that are listed above did a pretty good job in keeping kids safe in the 60's and 70's, unfortunately we now live in a day and age where various predators utilize these same tips to their advantage.

Around thirty to forty years ago, it was okay to tell a kid not to talk to strangers. At that time, the average child predator preyed on conversations as a mean to gain leverage over a child.

The Modern Day predator is much different. His primary goal is never to abduct a child. On the contrary, his primary goal is to remain unseen while abducting a child. From his prospective, the less talking a child does, the better.

Why is that important for you to know?

In our society, the average child is still being taught outdated safety tips.

Each year, over a million students become victims of violent crimes.

According to the United States Department of Justice, recently there were more than 659,000 violent crimes involving student victims while at school and about 720,000 violent crimes committed against students away from school property. That is an alarming total of 1,379,000 victims of crimes against students in just one year.

When you break that number down to days, you are looking at about 3,800 students who become victims of violent crimes in our society every day.

The United States Department of Justice also found that many crimes are 100% preventable through education and awareness.

Unfortunately, simply telling a child not to talk to strangers generally accomplishes just that. It usually shuts them down to the point where they don't say anything, even at the risk of being abducted.

With 95% of all currently taught student safety tips being outdated, it makes you wonder which ones need to be updated as well as which ones are still used today.

For your reference, here are the top 10 most commonly taught student safety tips. I will clearly illustrate why the information in the first 9 is dangerously outdated.

I will also give further information on why safety tip # 10 is partially

effective.

THE 95% OUTDATED STUDENT SAFETY TIPS

1. Telling a child not to talk to strangers, without teaching him/her current, proven safety strategies that can keep them from being abducted.

2. Telling a kid that the buddy system works, without realizing that a variety of Modern Day pedophiles seek to abduct two or more kids at one time.

3. Telling a kid or teenager that it is okay to go somewhere as long as an adult chaperone will be present, without knowing:

a) who the adult is

b) what other adults, children or even teenagers will be present

c) if the adult is a licensed driver as well as knowing how trustworthy that person really is

d) if that person is a convicted sex offender (a free online check is available at: www.StudentSafetyTips.com)

4. Telling a kid or teenager that it is okay to go somewhere as long as one of their friend's parents are going to be present.

(Same criteria of #3)

5. Teaching kids to respect adults, without giving them particular safety parameters to avoid at all cost.

6. Telling a kid to be careful while surfing the Internet without teaching them set proven Internet Predator Prevention Tips.

7. Teaching teenagers to avoid drugs without teaching them how to avoid become unknowingly drugged with cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy or the powerful GHB (date rape drug).

8. Failing to teach and review a set of proven safety strategies with

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