



Maricopa County  
**Attorney's Office**  
Keeping Families Safe

# Child Safety

It's a priority of our office to help educate residents on the issues that affect families the most. Take time to talk to your child about how to keep themselves and their siblings safe and secure.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office is the nation's third largest prosecutorial agency serving nearly four million residents. With over 900 employees, MCAO delivers high quality prosecution, victim services and crime prevention education.

**For more safety tips and information about  
Child Safety visit:**

**[MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/ChildSafety](http://MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/ChildSafety)**



# PREVENTION TIPS

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Be involved in everything your child does. Take time to get to know your children's teachers, coaches, their friends and their parents.

Remind your child to "check first" with a trusted adult before they go anywhere with anyone at any time. Always know where your children are and make sure they check in with you regularly when they're not home.

Make sure your children know they have the right to say no to anything that makes them feel uncomfortable, even if it's to a friend or someone they know. It's more important to be safe than polite.

Choose babysitters carefully. Obtain references, check their social media accounts, drop in unexpectedly, and ask children about their time with their babysitter.

Keep firearms unloaded and locked away in a safe place. Talk to your children about the four steps they should take if they come into contact with a gun: **Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell an Adult!**

Teach your child to always wear a seat belt when in a car. Car crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children, so ensure your children are properly secured in a car seat or seat belt.

Teach your children how to get help in public places. Identify safe places and trusted adults such as law enforcement, security guards, or store clerks.

Practice "what if" scenarios with your children to find out what they would do in different situations.

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Request an educational presentation by emailing [communityeducation@mcao.maricopa.gov](mailto:communityeducation@mcao.maricopa.gov)

