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BLOCK WATCH NEWSLETTER  
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Latchkey children are always a concern in our community. Here are a few questions and answers to help children prepare for problems that could arise.

**AT SCHOOL**

***Q. Where should I keep my house key while I am in school?***

A. Place your house key in a safe place, so as not to lose it, preferably on your person. You can place it on a chain around your neck, on a key chain in your pocket. NEVER show your key around or tell anyone you will be home alone.

***Q. What would I do if offered a ride home from school by a stranger?***

A. Say “**NO**”, “**GET AWAY**”, and then **TELL SOMEONE!** Tell a school official immediately. This is a way a stranger will try to get children to go with them.

***Q. What if a stranger says that they know my parents, and is all right to ride with them?***

A. NO! Unless you have adopted a “secret” code word, known only to your parents and to the person to pick you up. **DON’T** go with anybody unless they know this code word! **EVEN** if they say your parents are hurt and need your help. **GET AWAY AND TELL SOMEONE!**

***Q. Should I go directly home after school?***

A. **YES!** Unless you have made special plans with your parents. Make sure you parents know where you are. **CALL** your parents before going anywhere.

***Q. Can I take shortcuts home?***

A. **NO!** Vacant lots, alleys, wooded areas offer concealment for possible problems. Use main thoroughfares.

***Q. What if a stranger starts to follow me home?***

A. Go to any public place where there are people, such as a grocery store. **TELL** a store official, and have them call the police. If there is not a public place, go to a neighbor’s house you can trust and have them call the police. If you are near home, go inside, lock the door and call the police.

## AT HOME

***Q. What should I do if a stranger comes to the door when I'm home alone?***

- A. **DO NOT** open the door. **DO NOT** tell them you are home alone. If they ask for your parents, tell them they are busy or asleep and cannot come to the door. Ask the person to come back later. If they won't leave, call the police.

***Q. How do I answer the telephone for my parents?***

- A. **DO NOT** tell a person you are home alone. Tell the caller your parents are busy and cannot come to the phone and ask them to call back later. Take a return phone number and name for your parents. If you don't have caller ID and a caller you do not know keeps asking for unnecessary information, **HANG UP!**

***Q. How can I prepare for an EMERGENCY?***

- A. Have a list of emergency phone numbers by the telephone. Know what to do in case of fire, storms or accidents.

### ***BE AWARE AND BE SAFE!***

#### **Areas of Concern**

Thelma Lane	Theft from Auto
Sue Helen Drive	Criminal Mischief to Auto
Auburn Avenue	Burglary of Residence
Stock on Trent	Criminal Mischief to Autos Burglary of Residence
Lynnwood Way	Burglary of Resident and Auto
Gleeson Lane	Theft of Auto

### **Block Watch Captains - Call Tom Dillard to set up your yearly meeting!**

Happy Valentines Day!  
Have a Safe and Great Month!

CALL THE POLICE - 267-0503

GET INVOLVED by watching your neighbor's house.  
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Police Chaplain/Community Liaison/Crime Prevention

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