A MESSAGE FROM...

Richard J. Koehler, Commissioner
New York City Department of Correction
April 1, 1987

Greetings:

In an effort to inform and alert our city's youth to basic safety precautions, your New York City Department of Correction is offering this coloring book as an enjoyable way of communicating its safety message.

In the early years, our young learn best through the influence and guidance of their parents, family, teachers and their environment. Young minds, however, must be reminded of safety procedures until they learn to employ them instinctively when challenged and during threatening situations.

We would like you to explore the contents of our book with your children, family and friends and explain to them any points they may not understand. The Department of Correction understands and shares the concerns that our community has for their children and stands ready to help in their education, safety and well-being.

We know that children are, by nature, friendly and trusting but at the same time are very inquisitive. We ask for your support and cooperation in fostering these basic safety habits throughout their growing years and at the same time learn that we too are here to help.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Koehler

Nathan Quinones, Chancellor
New York City Board of Education
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Dear Commissioner Koehler:

It was a great pleasure to review the contents of this innovative, educational coloring book. Your agency has succeeded in creating an effective learning tool that both parents and teachers can use with young children. The safety messages contained in the book are clear, appropriate and will be reinforced each time a child colors a picture.

I look forward to the coloring book's wide distribution throughout the school system. It will be an important asset as we strive to improve the safety of the children of New York City.

Sincerely,

NATHAN QUINONES
Chancellor

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Correction officers work in many different ways. Some officers walk...

Oficiales de corrección trabajan en muchas diferentes maneras. Algunos oficiales caminan...
Some drive correction cars...

Algunos conducen carros de corrección...
Some patrol with boats...

Algunos patrullan en botes...
or drive correction buses

o conducen autobuses de corrección
Some search using K-9 dogs

Otros trabajan con perros de la unidad canina K-9
Say "NO" to drugs

Diga "no" a las drogas
Healthy people who take drugs become sick.

*Personas saludables que usan drogas se enferman.*
Always buckle up when in the car.

Siempre use el cinturón de seguridad cuando estés en el auto.
Cross at the green.

Cruce con la luz verde.
Obey traffic signals while on your bike.

Obedezca las señales de tráfico cuando use su bicicleta.
Don't write on walls... 

graffitti is ugly.

No escriba o dibuje en propiedad ajena.
Don’t play alone. Play with a friend.

No juegue solo. Juegue con un amigo.
Never take a ride with a stranger

Nunca vaya de paseo con un extranjero
Can you name these dangerous things?

¿Puede usted nombrar estas cosas peligrosas?
Don't accept money, gifts or candy from strangers.

No acepte dinero, regalos o dulces de un desconocido.
Never play in empty buildings or alleys

Nunca juegue en edificios vacíos o en callesjones
Parents and Children Involvement in Prevention, Protection and Personal Safety Checklist

Now that you have learned about the Department of Correction, the Correction Officer's responsibilities, and the importance of prevention, Officer Correct would like you to conduct your own tour and security protection checklist of your home with your parents. While your family is inspecting your home, this survey will help pinpoint new ways you and your family can improve personal safety at home.

1. Are the locks on your most used outside doors of the cylinder type?  YES  NO
2. Are they of either the deadlocking or jimmy-proof type?  YES  NO
3. Do you use chain locks or other auxiliary locks on most used doors?  YES  NO
4. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside?  YES  NO
5. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, balcony) be securely locked?  YES  NO
6. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?  YES  NO
7. Are your locks all in good repair?  YES  NO
8. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?  YES  NO

9. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?  YES  NO
10. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?  YES  NO
11. Do you use locks that allow you to lock a window that is partly open?  YES  NO
12. In high hazard locations, do you use bars or ornamental grille?  YES  NO
13. Are you as careful of basement and second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor?  YES  NO
14. Do you lock your garage door at night?  YES  NO
15. Do you lock your garage when you are away from home?  YES  NO
16. Do you have good, secure locks on the garage doors and windows?  YES  NO
17. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage?  YES  NO
18. Do you stop all deliveries or arrange for neighbors to pick up papers, milk, mail, packages?  YES  NO
19. Do you notify a neighbor or family member?  YES  NO
20. Do you notify your police? They provide extra protection for vacant homes.  YES  NO
21. Do you leave some shades up so the house doesn't look deserted?  YES  NO
22. Do you plan so that you do not need to "hide" a key under the door mat?  YES  NO
23. Do you keep as much cash as possible and other valuables in a bank?  YES  NO
24. Do you keep a list of all valuable property?  YES  NO
25. Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your watches, cameras, typewriters and similar items?  YES  NO
26. Do you have a description of other valuable property that does not have a number?  YES  NO
27. Do you avoid unnecessary display or publicity of your valuables?  YES  NO
28. Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house?  YES  NO
29. Have you told your family to leave the house undisturbed and call the police if they discover a burglary has been committed?  YES  NO