

River Forest Police Department  
ISEARCH Safety Education Program

6<sup>th</sup> grade Classroom Safety Presentation

Recently, a police officer and instructors from the ISEARCH Safety Program of the River Forest Police Department met with your child for a class on safety.

We taught about local crime and victimization experiences. We discussed safe solutions to problems that may confront your child when out and about in our community, when using a bicycle, when approached by strangers, when someone makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or hurt, when home alone, and when online.

We defined emergencies and taught the best ways to get help in emergencies:

1. Call 911
2. The emergency hand-signal
3. Busy places to find a helpful adult.

We encouraged your child to act to help others when there is an emergency, such as calling 911 if they see a crime happening (like a bike being stolen) or if they see someone having a medical emergency.

We advised on how to protect their property by being alert to their surroundings and by securing their belongings. We advised on how to protect their person by using the safety plan of saying no to people they don't know, or to people who make them feel uncomfortable, keeping a safe distance, and telling trusted adults, a parent, a teacher, a police officer, about any safety problems they have.

When online, we advised your child to stay safe in the following ways:

1. When playing games online or when in game chat rooms, do not give out personal information, such as their name, address, town or school.
2. Get in the habit of logging out of accounts.
3. Check with teachers and parents before downloading anything.
4. Be careful and considerate when texting classmates or when sending emails. Do not be mean, spread rumors, or write something that they are not willing to say directly face to face with that person.
5. Talk to parents, a teacher, or a police officer if they are ever troubled by anything they see or receive online or in a text.

Questions: please call or write:

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