

STEPS TO SAFETY

Respecting Body Boundaries

Your child's body boundary is the space that surrounds them and includes the private parts of their body. When someone makes your child feel uncomfortable, unsafe, threatened, or is just too close to them, that person has violated and not respected your child's body boundary.

Helping Your Child Understand Reporting Body Boundary Violations

Step 1

Help your child to understand that anytime someone makes them feel uncomfortable, unsafe, threatened, or is too close to them, that is a body boundary violation.

Step 2

Talk with your child about the difference between tattling and reporting.

Tattling - a complaint about someone that does not involve your safety.

Reporting - telling about something that involves your safety.

Step 3

Communicate the importance of reporting any body boundary violation to a Grown-Up Buddy in their Trusted Triangle. Ensure that your child understands that any body boundary violation threatens their safety. Anytime your child's safety is threatened, they need to report that to a trusted adult, and they need to keep reporting until they are heard and helped.

Step 4

Believe and support your child if they report a body boundary violation to you. You are their trusted adult, and they are depending on you to hear them and help them.



For information on the *Safer, Smarter Kids* curriculum, visit www.SaferSmarterKids.org.
For additional resources, visit LaurensKids.org. To report abuse, call the ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-422-4453, and you will be referred to your local abuse reporting agency.

