

# CREATE A FAMILY PASSWORD

A family password is designed to increase your child's safety and empower them with the ability to make safe choices with confidence. A family password can be one word or a short phrase that has meaning to your family and is known within the immediate family. Use of the family password communicates to your child that they are safe and that you have knowledge of the word being used.

## Create a Pick-Up Password

Having a system for school pick up, after dance practice, or after sporting practice is important for your child's safety. Most parents tell their child if they are going to be picked up by someone else. Sometimes the parent might forget, or sometimes there may be an emergency that prevents the parent from being able to be there. Having a Pick-Up Password enables your child to know that it is safe to get in the car with someone other than you. When your child hears the password, they will know you have authorized that person to pick him or her up.

You can have confidence that your child will know not to get into a car with anyone unless they know the correct password.

Empower your child with the tools to tell if someone is trying to get access to them and does not know the password. It is important that your child understand that if someone does not have the password, they are not to go with them or share information with them, and that they need to tell an adult immediately.



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For additional resources, visit [LaurensKids.org](http://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.

