



CHARLES COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WATCH WORKS

SHERIFF TROY BERRY

APRIL 2019

April 1

April Fools
Day

April 14th

Palm Sun-
day

April 19th

Good Fri-
day

April 21st

Easter

April 24th

Adminis-
trative Pro-
fessionals
Day

Child Safety



The great thing about children is their natural trust in people. Especially their trust in adults. It's hard for parents to teach children to trust with caution. Today children are a little more cautious. Watching or listening to the news or radio, they hear stories about bad adults constantly. Would your child know what to do if they got lost during a shopping trip? How about if a babysitter or neighbor wanted to play a secret game?

- Teach your child, if they are lost go to a store clerk, police officer, or a mom with a child for help.
- Take the time to listen to your child's fears and feelings about scary people or places.

- Teach your child to walk and play with friends. Not go places alone.
- Ask their school about their absence policy. Are parents called to make sure the child is excused?
- Young children should know their bus number and driver. Make sure they know where their stop is.
- Make sure children know their address and phone number by heart and the location of their house.
- Your children should know how to identify community people by badge and uniform.
- Keep your child's photo updated.
- Teach your child that no one should touch

the parts of their body covered by a bathing suit.

Parents:

- * Provide a list of emergency phone numbers in a visible spot at home.
- * Provide and clearly identify trustworthy backup people children can call if you are away.
- * Go over the safety rules with your child regularly when they are home alone.
- * Make sure your child knows not to give out any personal information to telephone callers. Have them take a message so you may return the call.
- * Tell your child to tell a trusted adult of anything that bothers them if you are not there.



Things to Ponder



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1. If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
2. Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
3. Why are you “in” a movie, but “on” TV?
4. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
5. Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
6. Why do “fat chance” & “slim chance” mean the same thing?
7. Why do British people never sound British when they sing?
8. When does it stop being partly cloudy & start being partly sunny?
9. When French people swear do they say “Pardon my English”?
10. Why do people say “heads up” when you should duck?
11. What’s the difference in normal ketchup and fancy ketchup?
12. Are eyebrows considered facial hair?
13. Why do caregiver and caretaker mean the same thing?
14. Why is it called a funny bone, when if you hit it, it’s not funny at all?
15. Do you wake up or open your eyes first?
16. Why does your nose run and your feet smell?

Challenge of the Month

Listen more talk less!

This is a big one. I like to talk. When I see people I haven't seen for a while I go on and on. I am a good listener when needed. Sometimes I get caught up in the moment. You know when you visit the ocean, how quiet it is? Be still and

listen. Hear the waves? The seagulls? We all listen to friends, family, our children but don't really hear what they say. We have so much on our minds and so much to do. We have things we want to tell everyone. What we saw and did through the day is important. Sometimes we don't stop and

think that what they may want to say is just as important to them. Sometimes I'm afraid if I don't tell it right now, I'll forget what I wanted to share. I guess with a little practice we can learn to sit back and listen, really listen.

Bullying, yes it is a problem

Bullying behavior may seem rather insignificant compared to kids bringing guns to school and getting involved with drugs. Bullying is often dismissed as part of growing up. But it's actually an early form of aggressive, violent behavior. Statistics show that one in four children who bully will have a criminal record before the age of 30. Bullies often cause serious problems that schools, families, and neighbors ignore. Fears and anxieties about bullies can cause some children to avoid school, carry a weapon for protection or even commit suicide.

Facts about bullying:

- Research shows that half of all children are bullied at some time during their school years.
- The average bullying episode lasts only 37 seconds. Teachers notice or intervene in only one in 25 incidents.
- Girls bully in groups more than boys do.

- Though girls tend to use more indirect, emotional forms of bullying, research indicates that girls are becoming more physical than they have in the past.

The Victim:

Anyone can be the target of bullying. The victim is often singled out because of his or her psychological traits more than his or her physical traits. A typical victim is likely to be shy, sensitive, and perhaps anxious or insecure. Some children are picked on for physical reasons such as being overweight or physically small, having a disability, or belonging to a different race or religious faith.

The Bully:

- All bullies have some characteristics in common.
- Are concerned with their own pleasure.
- Want power over others.
- Are willing to use and abuse other people to get what they want.

- Feel pain inside, perhaps because of their own shortcomings.
- Find it difficult to see things from someone else's perspective.

What can you do?

Listen to children. Encourage children to talk about school, social events, other kids in class so you can identify any problems they may be having.

Take children's complaints of bullying seriously.

Watch for symptoms that children may be bullying victims, such as withdrawal, a drop in grades, needing extra money or supplies.

Tell the school or organization immediately if you think your children are bullied.

Praise children's kindness toward others.

Information taken from :

National Crime Prevention Council brochure



Teach children ways to resolve arguments without violent words or actions.





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