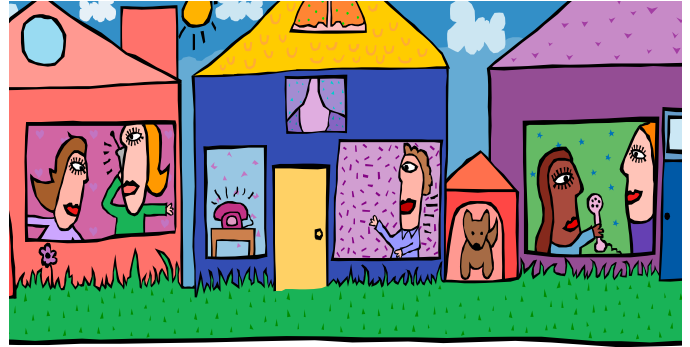


Make Your Neighborhood Safe

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Is your neighborhood safe for children?
- Do you know who your neighbors are?



Definitions:

- Neighborhood – people who live near each other
- Concern – something we worry or care about

Reading

12 Keeping kids safe is everyone's concern. Knowing your neighbors can make your
neighborhood safer. Here are some ideas to help make your neighborhood safer.

- 24 ♦ Find out who your neighbors are. For your safety, take another adult or family
39 member with when you introduce yourself to the neighbors you do not know.
52 ♦ Learn the names of children, teens and adults. Say hello to them and smile.
67 ♦ Get a small group of neighbors together to plan a neighborhood picnic. The
81 picnic will be a safe place for neighbors to get to know each other.
95 ♦ Ask your local Police Department to help you develop a safe neighborhood
108 program. The program can identify safe homes in the neighborhood. Then, if
120 a child needs help, they will know which homes are safe to go to for help.
136 ♦ Make time to talk with your neighbors. Get to know them.
148 ♦ Invite your neighbors over for a visit so your children can meet them. Children
163 need to know their neighbors too.
169 ♦ If your children know your neighbors, they will be more **comfortable** going to
183 the neighbor for help.

187 Remember, keeping kids safe is everyone's job. Getting to know your neighbors
199 can make your neighborhood a safer place to live.
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Understanding

1. Whose job is it to keep kids safe? _____

2. Why is it important for your children to get to know the neighbors? _____

3. Who could you contact to help you develop a safe neighborhood program? _____

4. Who should you take with you when you go to meet the neighbors you do not know?

5. What does the word **comfortable** mean? _____

6. Who are neighbors? _____

Writing

Choice A: Write about your neighborhood. Is it a safe place to live?

Choice B: What ideas did the story give you to make your neighborhood a safe place?
