

How Do Tricky People Trick Children?

Now that we know what a tricky person is, how do they trick children? Tricky People use three things to get children to do things that are not safe or things that they wouldn't do. Talk to your children about these three ways and work together to come up with some examples.



Bribes: A bribe is when someone says "If you do what I'm asking you to do, there is a reward in it for you. Whether it is candy, money, games, prizes or toys, the reward is things that children like.



Tricks: A trick starts out like a bribe, "If you do what I'm asking you to do there is a reward in it for you," except that tricky person does not give that child a reward. Something else happens. So, a trick is the same thing as a lie.



Threats: A threat is whenever someone says "if you DON'T do what I'm asking you to do, I'm going to hurt you or hurt someone or something you care about, so you better do it or else!" (Instead of an example, you can ask your child, "Do threats make us feel safe or do they make us feel scared? SCARED. How about when you feel pressured? Does that make you feel scared? YES!")