



Who Is A Tricky Person?

Did you know that over 90% of child abuse and childhood sexual abuse victims know their perpetrators?



Stranger Danger is a very important lesson, but if a child already knows their perpetrator, how do we teach personal safety to our children? We talk about Tricky People. Tricky people don't want other people to know what they are doing. Tricky people do not like attention. They try to get children to do things that are unsafe or things they wouldn't normally do. Tricky people will tell children to keep these things secret. When we talk about the behaviors of people instead of talking about specific groups of people, we include people children both do and do not know. The only way that we can know whether someone is a safe, an unsafe, a tricky person, or even a child molester is by their actions, by their behavior, and the things that they say.

Talk to your children about who a tricky person is and what a tricky person looks like. Answer: **Anyone could be** a tricky person and they can look like **anybody**. Does that mean a tricky person, or even child molester, could be a family member? YES. Someone a child knows and trusts? YES. A coach, church leader, or maybe a camp counselor? YES. Tricky people come from all walks of life. And you will only know is by their actions, behavior, and things that they say.