

PREFACE

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

Dear Parents:

Hi, my name is Tony Newsom. I am a fulltime Los Angeles Police Officer. As I write this book, I am not representing the Los Angeles Police Department, but I am representing you, the parent.

Did you know, 95% of All Currently Taught Student Safety Tips Are Outdated?

Have you ever given your children any of the following safety tips?

- a) Don't talk to strangers
- b) Use the buddy system when walking to & from school
- c) You can go to your friend's house, as long as one of their parents are going to be there
- d) Be respectful and do what adults tell you to
- e) You can go online, as long as you are careful

If so, then you are not alone. Although the safety tips that are listed above did a pretty good job in keeping kids safe in the 60's and 70's, unfortunately we now live in a day and age where various predators utilize these same tips to their advantage.

Around thirty to forty years ago, it was okay to tell a kid not to talk to strangers. At that time, the average child predator preyed on conversations as a mean to gain leverage over a child.

The Modern Day predator is much different. His primary goal is never to abduct a child. On the contrary, his primary goal is to remain unseen while abducting a child. From his prospective, the less talking a child does, the better.

Why is that important for you to know?

In our society, the average child is still being taught outdated safety tips.

Each year, over a million students become victims of violent crimes.

According to the United States Department of Justice, recently there were more than 659,000 violent crimes involving student victims while at school and about 720,000 violent crimes committed against students away from school property. That is an alarming total of 1,379,000 victims of crimes against students in just one year.

When you break that number down to days, you are looking at about 3,800 students who become victims of violent crimes in our society every day.

The United States Department of Justice also found that many crimes are 100% preventable through education and awareness.

Unfortunately, simply telling a child not to talk to strangers generally accomplishes just that. It usually shuts them down to the point where they don't say anything, even at the risk of being abducted.

With 95% of all currently taught student safety tips being outdated, it makes you wonder which ones need to be updated as well as which ones are still used today.

For your reference, here are the top 10 most commonly taught student safety tips. I will clearly illustrate why the information in the first 9 is dangerously outdated.

I will also give further information on why safety tip # 10 is partially

