Child Safety & Tricky People

It's important for kids to know what to do if they get lost. This is a good topic to combine with a field trip or visit from a police officer, but if that doesn't work for your group you can sub in another community helper or a different activity for the first half of your meeting.

- Opening Ceremony
- Police Visit or Station Tour
- Snack & Story Time
- What to do if you get lost in a public place
    - STOP! Stand as tall as possible and stay where you are, as long as it's a safe place.
    - SHOUT! It's ok to yell or shout, even in a library or other quiet place. If you can't see your grown up, it's ok to be loud.
    - Find a safe adult
        - How can you tell if someone is safe? They might be wearing a uniform or a nametag showing that they work at the place you are. If you can't see a uniformed person, look for a parent with kids.
    - Know your name, your grown up's name, and their phone number.
        - It's also a good idea to know your address for if you get lost in your neighborhood.
    - You won't be in trouble! Your family just wants to make sure you are safe.
    - Whoever you ask for help, insist that you stay in the same area unless there's a big emergency that makes it unsafe. Your family and emergency personnel will be looking for you in the area you were last seen.
- Make Child ID Kits
- Tricky People
    - Some tricky people might be strangers
        - Grown ups should never approach children they don't know or ask them for help. If an adult asks you to help them, find a trusted adult and tell them.
    - Some tricky people might be people you know
        - Trust your instincts!
        - If someone makes you feel weird, tell a trusted adult.
    - You don't have to be polite
        - If someone makes you feel yucky, you can tell them, then tell your trusted adult.
    - Always check first
        - If someone is giving you a special gift or offering to take you somewhere, ask your adult first.
    - We don't keep secrets
        - Not telling someone about a present is not a secret, that's a surprise. Surprises are ok, but if a grown up asks you to keep a secret, you need to tell your trusted adult.
- Give some examples and asks the Otters what they should do in that situation
- Closing Ceremony

Items Needed:

Badge Requirements Covered:

Safety Badge

- Know your full name and address
- Know your parents' full names and phone number
- Make a child ID Kit
- Learn about safety around stranger

Service Badge

- Visit a Police Station

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