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SAFETY OF CHILDREN

On regular basis children are being reported as missing or are becoming victims of crime. In some incidents the parents have been unaware of the child's whereabouts. With the closing of schools the Honeydew SAPS want to emphasize the following:

Safety for Children:

Home Alone...

For children to be less vulnerable to dangerous situations they must -

- not be left alone at home or elsewhere where they can become susceptible to abuse, alcohol and drugs;
- be taught to keep the doors and windows locked;
- know their parents' and the police's numbers;
- know their home street address; and
- know that it's ok to say NO when they are faced with uncomfortable situations.

Parents or caretakers of children must -

- be responsible for their children and ensure their safety at all times;
- keep an open line of communication and trust between them, their children and the school, know their children's friends;
- know that there is **NO** waiting period to report a person missing;
- keep a close watch on their children at swimming pools or busy shopping centres;
- assist the police when reporting a missing person, know the schedules and movements of loved ones and family members and make a point of remembering the clothing they wear, ensure that you always have a recent photo of your child; and
- teach children **NOT** to make prank calls to the emergency number **10111** as this will block a call of someone who is really in need of police assistance.

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