

SCAVENGER HUNT

The purpose of this learning activity is to have fun doing a scavenger hunt while having the opportunity to talk about a few guidelines and tools for keeping your kids safe. The following information is only a guideline, please feel free to tailor it to your situation. Don't be afraid to add your own creativity!

Instructions:

1. Print the desired number of clue sheets.
2. Cut out the clues
3. Hide them in their proper locations, using the answer key as your guide.
4. Give your child the first clue and follow each clue to the next card.
5. Talk to your children about some important ways to keep them safe. Look at our suggested prompts for some ideas

Note: If your children will participate, talk a little at each clue. If your children won't slow down to talk at each location, talk about a few principles at the end of the scavenger hunt around the kitchen table.

Variations:

- You may choose to play this game as a team or individually.
- The game can be timed and made a race, or played at your own pace.
- You can make this a photo or video scavenger hunt and use a camera to take pictures or video at each location.

CLUE SHEET

<p>1 Time for a scavenger hunt, with clues for you. The first one's easy, it's your shoes!</p>	<p>7 I scurry around a desk, but I am not a pest.</p>
<p>2 People knock on me to say hello, but lock me up after visitors go.</p>	<p>8 You really don't have to look very far. The next clue is where we park our car.</p>
<p>3 The next clue is easy so do not weep, are you feeling tired? It's where you sleep.</p>	<p>9 This one is easy just take a look. You'll find the next clue in a book.</p>
<p>4 This is fast, not like a snail. Where do you go to get the mail?</p>	<p>10 This is the room where you watch TV. I also have a couch that sits two or three.</p>
<p>5 Quick, think, where do you rush? Right before the toilet goes flush?</p>	<p>11 I know this has been fun and really neat, but let's take a look where you like to eat.</p>
<p>6 Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the _____.</p>	<p>12 Where do you eat meals and if you are able, race to the end of the kitchen _____.</p>

ANSWER KEY

<p><i>Give to child</i></p> <p>1 Time for a scavenger hunt, with clues for you. The first one's easy, it's your shoes! <i>Answer: Shoes</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>7 I scurry around a desk, but I am not a pest. <i>Answer: Computer mouse</i></p>
<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>2 People knock on me to say hello but lock me up after visitors go. <i>Answer: Front door</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>8 You really don't have to look very far. The next clue is where we park our car. <i>Answer: Garage</i></p>
<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>3 The next clue is easy so do not weep, are you feeling tired? It's where you sleep. <i>Answer: Bed</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>9 This one is easy just take a look. You'll find the next clue in a book. <i>Answer: Bookcase</i></p>
<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>4 This is fast and not like a snail. Where do you go to get the mail? <i>Answer: Mailbox</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>10 This is the room in your house, where you watch TV. I also have a couch that sits two or three. <i>Answer: Living room</i></p>
<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>5 Quick, think, where do you rush? Right before the toilet goes flush? <i>Answer: Bathroom</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>11 I know this has been fun and really neat, but let's take a look where you like to eat. <i>Answer: Pantry</i></p>
<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>6 Hickory dickory dock, the mouse ran up the _____. <i>Answer: Clock</i></p>	<p><i>Hide</i></p> <p>12 Where do you eat meals and if you are able, race to the end of the kitchen _____. <i>Answer: Kitchen table</i></p>

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Shoes

Deeper Discussion: Talk about walking away if a they feel like they are in an inappropriate situation or see inappropriate materials.

Front door

Deeper Discussion: Talk about not opening doors to strangers. Is there a family password? Teach your children to show affection on their terms—you don't have to give the hug if you don't want to; you are in control of your body and how you show affection.

Bed

Deeper Discussion: Talk about privacy in bedrooms. Everyone has a right to change in private and in an environment they're comfortable in.

Mailbox

Deeper Discussion: Talk about how others may try to share inappropriate material with the child. They can always talk to you if someone tries this.

Bathroom

Deeper Discussion: Talk about privacy with hygiene. With little kids you could also teach proper names for body parts and that some body parts are private.

Clock

Deeper Discussion: Teach your children that they have the right to say "No." Teach them that if an adult wants them to do something that is uncomfortable or outside of the healthy boundaries you have discussed with them, then they should say NO loudly. Explain healthy boundaries. Explain that by saying NO they will not get them in trouble. Practice saying "No" loudly!

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Computer mouse

Deeper Discussion: Talk about technology and media rules. Tell your children you will be monitoring cell phones, tablets and their social accounts. Teach your children about the consequences of sharing inappropriate material online, even the legal implications.

Garage

Deeper Discussion: Do your research about outings, car safety, pickup and drop off instructions, and talk about how to stay safe in public places.

Bookcase

Deeper Discussion: Teach your children that it is okay to tell you about secrets. Teach them that keeping secrets can cause them further harm. Perpetrators thrive on secrecy. Let your children know not to keep secrets that make them feel uncomfortable or dirty. Always let them know that if they feel threatened that they can come to you and tell you. Tell your children that they will never be in trouble for sharing a secret with you.

Living Room

Deeper Discussion: Teach your family's clear and safe boundaries. Discuss what to do when someone tries to invade boundaries. Share examples or situations where this might occur.

Pantry

Deeper Discussion: Talk about the how we eat good food so our bodies will be healthy and strong. Teach your children that we shouldn't let anyone do something to our body that doesn't feel right.

Kitchen Table

Deeper Discussion: It's always appropriate to discuss things in our family. It can be all together at the kitchen table during dinner, or in private with just me or both of your parents.