



*You can help me,
McGruff, "take a
bite out of crime."*

Hello there! I'm McGruff.

You're probably wondering what a dog like me can tell you about "playing it safe." Plenty. That's my job, but I need your help to prevent crime.

Here are some tips to help you, your friends, and your family to be safe.

- Say no to anyone who tries to give you drugs, except medication from your parents or doctor.
- Say no if anyone offers you a cigarette; marijuana and tobacco are bad for you.
- Say no if anyone offers you beer, wine, or whiskey; all are bad for you.
- Say no and go tell a trusted adult if someone tries to touch you where it makes you uncomfortable.
- Always ask for your parents' permission before you go anywhere.
- Always tell your parents where you will be playing.
- Say no if a stranger asks you to go with him or take a ride.
- Say no if a stranger asks you to help find something.
- Say no if a stranger asks you to go into his house.
- Always walk and play outside with a friend.
- Never take shortcuts or play in lonely places.
- If someone bothers you, tell a trusted adult.
- Never hitchhike!
- Don't give information over the phone to anyone you don't know.
- Lock up your things.
- Call the police or sheriff for an I.D. number to put on your things.
- Learn to use the locks on all doors and windows.
- Remember, don't play with matches; fire destroys!
- Stealing is wrong.
- Never damage or destroy property.
- If you see something wrong, remember as much as you can.
- Be alert! Call the police if something is wrong.

By learning how to stop crime, you can help me, McGruff, your police and sheriff, "Take a bite out of crime."