



Teachable Moments

Welcome to *Teachable Moments: Through the Eyes of a Child*

Teachable Moments is a newsletter for Parents and Families from radKIDS, Inc. *Teachable Moments* is about beginning conversations that develop your ability to look at situations and safety issues with a different perspective, a child-centered/child-focused perspective; “*Through the Eyes of the Child.*”

As educators and parents ourselves we realize that conversations about safety involve talking about possible danger, bad, and even scary things. We know it can be easier to avoid these conversations rather than to risk scaring a child unnecessarily, but as THE CHILDREN have taught us in radKIDS, it’s not the conversation that is scary, it is the lack of a plan or knowledge of what to do that scares them.

Research as well as the nightly news continues to show us that without these discussions children are more vulnerable and unprepared to prevent and handle a dangerous situation should it arise. Minutes are critical when a child is being threatened or victimized. In today’s world we can’t be with our children every minute of every day but through education and support we can be right by their side. radKIDS firmly believes that by including, educating and empowering children in their own safety, we activate the key and often missing, component in the fight against violence in their world.

radKIDS also believes that you are the most essential and valued partner in assisting and supporting that education. It is our hope with these newsletters to share suggestions and support that will inspire safety conversations with your children. Together we can focus on what we can do to help our children rather than leaving them in fear and without choices.

When is the right time?

The right time to have conversations with your child about danger and safety is precisely *when there is no immediate need (now)*, when you can communicate calmly, positively and reassuringly with time to help your child process the information and develop strategies (plans) that they feel are realistic and achievable for them.

How do you start these conversations?

radKIDS suggests that you start with *Teachable Moments*, both those that present themselves to you in your daily lives as well as this monthly newsletter. It is our hope that *Teachable Moments* will provide you with tools and context for your benefit and use to prepare your child, not scare your child.

Behind radKIDS approach, discussion, and advice is proven and effective information and tools that have been put to the test by our national network of instructors, experts in education, law enforcement, and parenting, as well as in child psychology and from developmental Accelerated Learning Theory within Early Childhood Education. More importantly they have been tested and successful in the real world. We are pleased to report that to date more than 90 attempted abductions have been foiled by children using their radKIDS training and 1000's of saves from bullying, abuse, and sexual abuse have been reported as well.

We hope you will take full advantage of the information and content in *Teachable Moments: Through the Eyes of a Child* as well as all the other resources available to you through radKIDS national headquarters;

- Our national network of instructors;
- radKIDS community classes for children (<http://www.radkids.org/locator/index.php>);
- Our free return and practice policy;
- The radKIDS website (www.radKIDS.org);
- Our Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RadKIDS-Childrens-Safety-Education/210464978975794>);
- radKIDS Instructor Training opportunities (<http://www.radkids.org/calendar.shtml>).

Discussion is the first step in empowering your children with the necessary and effective safety education. We encourage you to continue the education process by providing your child with personal safety skill development that is uniquely provided and supported within the radKIDS curriculum. We look forward to your comments and feedback. Together we can and do make a difference one child at a time.



radKIDS 501c3 is proud to be a national leader in personal empowerment safety education for children and is standing by to assist in any way we can.