

# Teaching Objectives



Students will learn a simple personal safety system wherein they apply the principles of Charlie Check First. Other topics include conflict resolution/bullying, and responsible telling.

Teaching kids about safety is delicate; we don't instill fear, but caution. We no longer use "Stranger Danger" concepts, because we know that most child victims are molested, abused, abducted or lured into unsafe behaviors by people they know, or think they know.

We want kids to practice heightened awareness. Most people in the world are good, kind, loving and helpful. We reassure kids that people -- including those they don't know -- are not out to harm them.

If you can't host a child safety event, or want to reinforce what your child has already learned, check out our child safety videos on our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/jeffcocops](https://www.youtube.com/user/jeffcocops) or by going to our website at [www.jeffcosheriff.com](http://www.jeffcosheriff.com).

## Contact Information

### For general child safety programs:

303-271-5363 (North Jeffco)

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### For "For Safety's Sake," contact Joyce Nelson:

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*As law enforcement professionals, we pledge to serve the Jefferson County community, build trust and confidence, and respond to community needs with:*

### Integrity

We interact with each other and the community we serve with honesty, dignity, and respect.

### Innovation

We respond to the community's needs with vision and initiative, relying on both traditional and non-traditional problem-solving methods.

### Partnership

We actively promote a spirit of teamwork and cooperation through open communication and the free exchange of ideas.

### Service

We continuously develop our skills and talents to provide top quality, responsive, effective law enforcement services.

### Accountability

We ensure judicious management of human, financial, and physical resources.

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CRIME PREVENTION

# Child Safety Programs



*Safety Kids™ child safety programs offered by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office*



# Safety Kids

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office uses the Safety Kids™ curriculum to teach safety to children from



preschool to sixth grade.

Children learn lessons essential for their personal safety, including refusal skills, tolerance, conflict resolution, response to bullying and

dares, and responsible reporting. Our goal is to give children the knowledge and confidence to make smart choices every day, and trust their instincts to stay out of danger.



Kookie the Clown

## Charlie Check First

Charlie Check First is the Safety Kids mascot. Charlie's motto is: "Check first before going anywhere with anyone! If you cannot check, the answer is no!"



## Child Safety Programs

The Sheriff's Office offers this free, educational presentation to schools and organizations in unincorporated Jefferson County. Geared toward children from preschool to sixth grade, the program is a highly interactive safety and violence-prevention program taught in a variety of formats.

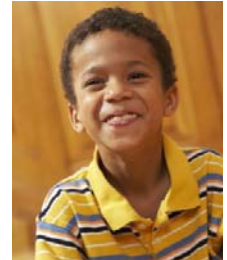
Nearly a dozen Sheriff's Office employees, including Crime Prevention deputies and some school resource officers, are certified as Safety Kids instructors. The Safety Kids curriculum includes research-based personal safety information featuring the characters Charlie Check First, KC Koala and IMA Star. The program complies with crime prevention strategies as outlined by the Colorado Department of Education.

### For Safety's Sake

In addition to our deputy instructors, Joyce Nelson of the Sheriff's Office teaches a unique program called "For Safety's Sake." Joyce uses puppetry, clowning and storytelling. Joyce is also a certified instructor and was named 2007 Instructor of the Year by the Safety Kids organization.

This free 30- to 45-minute program includes problem

solving, brainstorming and immediate application of new concepts via active participation and student-to-student interaction.



For Safety's Sake programs are offered on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Kookie the Clown

"Kookie the Clown" (also Joyce Nelson!) often appears at events like the Sheriff's Safety Fair, the West Metro Fire Muster and other community festivals to get this safety message across to children. Clowning around is just one more way to ensure Jeffco's children get the message about safety!

### Who Can Benefit

Child safety presentations are appropriate for preschools, elementary schools, community events, scout groups, camps, and child care centers. Presentations are grade-specific or can be geared toward assemblies. Parents can also get involved by attending their own class to learn how to reinforce the safety messages their children have learned.

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