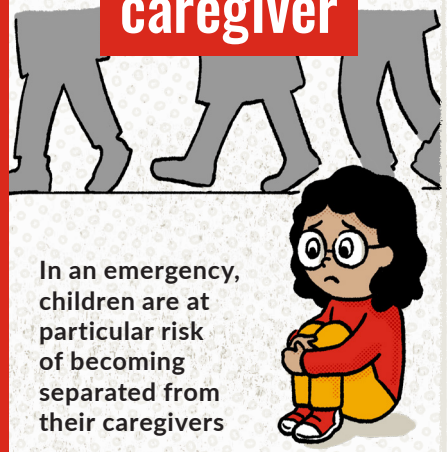
How to help if children...

Save the Children

...are separated from their caregiver



In an emergency, children are at particular risk of becoming separated from their caregivers

1 Be sure children know...

- ☑ their own name
- ☑ their carer's names
- ☑ their address, town, village, neighbourhood
- ☑ their parent's phone number
- ☑ their school name
- ☑ any important medical information
- ☑ they should carry this information with them

2 Choose a contact outside your area

- ☑ Choose a contact outside your area and memorise that person's name and phone number.
- ☑ In an emergency when local phone lines are down, it will be easier to get a text message out of the area to someone who can help you to reunite.

3 Remind children to stay close

- ☑ Remind children to stay close and not wander off
- ☑ Have a plan to meet up in a very specific safe spot (maybe a school reception, friend or relative's home or information desk)

4 Have a plan for where you will reunite...

- ☑ ...if you cannot meet at home.
- ☑ ...if it is unsafe to meet in your neighbourhood.

Discuss your plan with your out-of-area contact person.

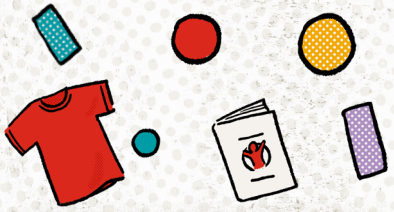
5 Teach children to recognize safe people

- ☑ Teach children to identify 'safe' strangers, in different environments.
- ☑ Instruct children not to leave in any vehicle without speaking to a family member for advice.

6 Make emergency plans with...

- ☑ ...your children's school, day care, after school care providers, and baby-sitters.

7 Teach children who to call for help, and how



Do you know an adult or child that this could help?

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