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24/7 Security Services, as a market leader in school and campus security, has a dedicated School and Campus Security Division. The objective of the division is to provide tailor-made security solutions with a host of proactive safety and security initiatives for schools and campuses. We are focussed on the continuous development and implementation of best practice security protocols to ensure the safety of our learners, teachers, and parents.

Off-site monitoring provides the perfect security solution for schools and campuses. The expansive premises, high-risk perimeters, and multiple entrances can be monitored 24/7/365.

24/7 Smart Surveillance is advanced off-site monitoring that enables CCTV systems to intelligently assess an environment and notify the 24/7 Command Centre of an intrusion. The technology draws immediate attention to unauthorised activity, allowing us to intervene and react



before a crime occurs. In contrast, traditional means of CCTV surveillance only cater for investigations after the crime has occurred, in many cases having costly consequences for the school or campus.

The intelligent detection software employed behind each camera effectively turns it into a 24/7, 365-day security guard.

Click here to watch the 24/7 Smart Surveillance video

For more information, please contact us at info@24-7security.co.za or 011 444 2237 24/7 Smart Surveillance is powered by 24/7 Security Services.



We welcome feedback and suggestions. Please send your input to info@24-7security.co.za If you did not receive our 2022 Quarter 1, 2 & 3 Schools/Campuses Safety Bulletins, please contact martizah@24-7security.co.za or click here for easy access













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## **Cell Phone Safety**

Staying in touch with children is essential, but have we taken suitable measures to ensure they are protected against the most common risks?

Some tips to help children stay safe on their mobile devices:

**Set a password:** It may sound basic, but it helps prevent bullying, sexting, or breaches of private information. Encourage children to create unique passwords featuring numbers and symbols and to change them often.

**Tape a recovery phone number to the mobile:** Many people who find mobile phones have the best intentions and may return the phone.

24/7 Security urges teachers and parents to teach children the importance of being alert and aware of their environment. Cell phones must be kept out of sight at all times. Do not walk and talk or text – it makes both children and adults soft targets for phone snatchers. Social media and texting can be distracting. Criminals use this as an opportunity to snatch the phone – it takes just a few seconds for a person to grab a phone and disappear from the scene.

**Set up emergency contacts:** Emergencies happen, and children need emergency contacts. Review each contact with them and ensure these are regularly updated.

## Set up remote locate/lock/wipe features:

Enabling these features could help locate a lost phone and protect private information from being accessed.

**Install security software:** Security software blocks malware, phishing attacks featuring dangerous links, and unwanted calls and texts.

**Teach children not to reply to unknown senders or callers:** Scams, phishing, and spam texts can raise premium charges or give hackers access to accounts. Go over the red flags surrounding phishing and spam scams so that children know what to expect and can protect themselves.

**Set rules for new apps and games:** The world is full of apps that are not relevant or appropriate for children. Make sure that all apps are reviewed before children download them.

**Discuss cyberbullying:** Cyberbullying is a crime. Emphasize that children should not respond to cyberbullying. Instead, they should tell an adult about it as soon as possible.

The Internet has become an integral part of life. It is hard to conduct daily activities without it. However, adults must acknowledge the risks and benefits of children's digital lives and take suitable precautions and safety measures when using cell phones.





















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## **K9 Unit**

The 24/7 Security Services K9 Unit forms part of our Special Operations Teams and provides back-up to our Guarding and Armed Reaction Divisions.

The 24/7 Security K9 Unit provides the following specialised services:

- Narcotics detection at schools, campuses, and commercial properties
- Indoor and outdoor tracking and tracing of suspects
- Building searches
- Crowd control
- Perimeter patrols
- Public space safety

Narcotics searches of schools, campuses, and boarding houses are conducted by trained detection dogs and qualified handlers. They specialise in the detection of:

- Methamphetamine
- Marijuana
- Cocaine
- Heroin
- Crack
- Tik

The K9 Unit conducts educational safety and security demonstrations at schools and campuses. For more information, please contact us at info@24-7security.co.za or 011 444 2237



K9 Rocky is a proud member of the 24/7 Security K9 Unit. He loves children and teaches them how to stay safe.



#### **PET SAFETY**

K9 Rocky says:

All pets – no matter how sweet they appear – need to be treated gently and with kindness.

- Always ask the owner before you pet a dog
- Even of a dog looks friendly, he might not be
- Greet dogs slowly
- Let a dog sniff your hand before you pet it
- If a dog has a treat or toy, give him space
- When giving treats use a flat palm with fingers held together
- Mever scream at or run away from a dog













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# **Holiday Safety**

The last thing one should do is instil a sense of fear in children, but a healthy sense of awareness of possible dangers can save a lot of heartache, and even lives.

#### Eyes always open

- Keep an eye out for loitering strangers and people acting suspiciously
- Avoid being distracted by your phone when visiting public spaces
- If you notice anything suspicious, move away and report it remember, kidnappings happen in a matter of seconds

## Avoid danger areas

- Avoid situations where you can become separated from your children or where they can disappear in the masses
- Teach children to only visit well-protected and monitored areas where there is a responsible adult nearby

## Stay in contact

- Instruct children to contact you (or another adult) immediately when something goes wrong. Children often try and resolve situations themselves, which could ultimately endanger their lives.
- Plans change but be sure to inform each other if there are changes in locations, times etc.

#### **Details matter**

- Children must know their own address, their parents' cell phone numbers and other emergency contact numbers
- Teach children this from an early age and 'test' them regularly to ensure that the details are correct
- Use technology, such as tracking apps, to track the movement of your children
- Ensure that you have the contact details of your children's friends and the friends' parents. Often children are reported as missing when they are in actual fact visiting friends.

#### When things go wrong

• Teach children that when somebody follows them, tries to restrain them or force them into a car, they must run and scream as loud as they can. Dropping to the ground and screaming "this is not my dad" or "this is not my mom" will attract attention from passers-by.



# **ABC of Child Safety**

Ask for help Bring a friend Check first Do tell

# Reporting Missing Children

There is no waiting period to report a missing child. Should your child go missing – report it immediately to the police and provide as much detail as possible, including a recent photograph.

Please remember to inform the police should the missing child be found or return home on their own.









