

Edmonton Safe Parent Association

Why is Safe Parent needed?

- to provide the community with an organized method for protecting the citizens of Edmonton, especially children
- to aid in prompt reporting of emergency problems to the agency concerned (i.e. Police, Fire, Ambulance, Pound, etc.)

Who is a Safe Parent?

A Safe Parent is a responsible adult concerned about the well-being of Edmonton's citizens, especially children. The adult's home is offered as a safe refuge for anyone in trouble. Anyone over the age of 18 years may apply regardless of their status, single, married, retired or working. They submit to security screening through the application and agree to display the Sign responsibly.

What is NOT expected of a Safe Parent?

- to provide food and beverage
- to provide toilet facilities
- to provide transportation
- to administer first aid
- to leave their home to break up a fight
- to actively engage a dangerous person

When should children use a Safe Parent Home?

- when alarmed by strangers or vicious animals
- when he/she or a playmate is involved in an accident
- when ill
- when lost
- when threatened by bullies

What is the Safe Parent Sign?

- It bears the official symbol of the Edmonton Safe Parent Association, a Skunk and small boy
- it is an easily identified graphic design inside a window that is clearly visible to the street.
- It indicates to children and others that in this home **Immediate** help is available in an emergency
- it indicates to criminals or troublemakers that this community has an organized system for protecting children and others.

What are a Safe Parent's responsibilities?

- to offer their homes as a place of safety from dangerous or frightening
- to offer assistance to persons in distress by telephoning the necessary emergency services
- to assist police by reporting suspicious or possible criminal activity in their community.

But are Safe parents really necessary?

In today's mobile society, children often don't know the families that live just a few houses away. Many adults work outside of their homes and without Safe Parent volunteers, a terrified child could go to several homes before finding someone to help. This delay could result in tragedy. Participation in the Edmonton Safe Parent Association is extremely simple, but new volunteers are always needed. It could be anyone's child who needs help, even your own.

Safe Parents provide an element of security in a world that often seems insecure to a child

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