



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
**MANOA SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents & Guardians,

For more than a week, school children across Oahu have reported incidents of being approached by strangers while walking to and from school.

The safety of your children is of the utmost importance to us. We are sending this letter to you as a precaution, and to encourage you to speak to your child about measures to stay safe, specifically about “stranger danger.”

As an added precaution, please reinforce with your child the following safety measures:

- Stay away from strangers, do not talk to or take anything from them.
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know. Never accept a ride from a stranger.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately from a trusted adult.
- Use the buddy system; avoid walking anywhere alone.
- If a stranger grabs you, do whatever it takes to stop the stranger, yell for help.
- Report any suspicious activity to a trusted adult.
- Be alert of your surroundings and let others know where you will be and what time you will be back.

We appreciate your help as we work together to keep all of our students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at (808) 988-1868.

Thank you,

Kerry Higa  
Principal