



For Immediate Release

In light of recent events involving missing children and potential abductions across Iowa, Iowa County Conservation and the Iowa County Board of Supervisors would like to remind everyone to stay vigilant in the monitoring of your children while staying at or visiting our county parks. Many enjoy our parks because they feel they are amongst neighbors and friends but everyone needs to remain cautious and aware of our surroundings. Keep in mind, the overwhelming majority of child abductions are committed by people that the victims know. It is important to keep a close eye on your children and not let them wander out of sight. Here are some ideas to help keep your kids safe:

1. Stay together and never travel alone. Make sure your child has a friend or adult whenever they travel outside your sight. Even traveling in groups of friends does not guarantee their safety. Best practice is not to let your children out of sight.
2. Walk your children through the campground or park and establish the boundaries of where you feel comfortable for them to travel.
3. Consider giving your children a lightweight whistle to blow if they are lost or uncomfortable with their surroundings.
4. Be sure to educate your children on when it is safe and unsafe to enter another's camper or vehicle.

We would like everyone to continue to enjoy the recreational activities our parks have to offer without the fear of danger for children. Please help us ensure the safety for our young visitors by preventing dangerous situations.



