

A MESSAGE FROM...



**Richard J. Koehler, Commissioner
New York City Department of Correction**

April 1, 1987

Greetings:

In an effort to inform and alert our city's youth to basic safety precautions, your New York City Department of Correction is offering this coloring book as an enjoyable way of communicating its safety message.

In the early years, our young learn best through the influence and guidance of their parents, family, teachers and their environment. Young minds, however, must be reminded of safety procedures until they learn to employ them instinctively when challenged and during threatening situations.

We would like you to explore the contents of our book with your children, family and friends and explain to them any points they may not understand. The Department of Correction understands and shares the concerns that our community has for their children and stands ready to help in their education, safety and well-being.

We know that children are, by nature, friendly and trusting but at the same time are very inquisitive. We ask for your support and cooperation in fostering those basic safety habits throughout their growing years and at the same time learn that we too are here to help.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Koehler

**Nathan Quinones, Chancellor
New York City Board of Education**

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Dear Commissioner Koehler:

It was a great pleasure to review the contents of this innovative, educational coloring book. Your agency has succeeded in creating an effective learning tool that both parents and teachers can use with young children. The safety messages contained in the book are clear, appropriate and will be reinforced each time a child colors a picture.

I look forward to the coloring book's wide distribution throughout the school system. It will be an important asset as we strive to improve the safety of the children of New York City.

Sincerely,


NATHAN QUINONES
Chancellor



**Edward I. Koch, Mayor,
City of New York**

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"Getting to Know Your...New York City Department of Correction" is an official publication of the New York City Department of Correction Training Academy. This coloring book is designed to provide timely and factual information on safety, prevention before detention, and neighborhood awareness against crime. For more information call: **New York City Department of Correction, 66-26 Metropolitan Ave., Queens, N.Y. 11379 - 718-417-2361.**