

STAYING SAFE

“Montreal police are investigating a kidnapping attempt that took place Wednesday morning in Pointe Claire. The incident is the second attempted abduction in the area in just over a week. Commander Jacquelin St. Pierre, who is responsible for police station 5 in Pointe Claire, said it is possible that the two cases are related.” <http://montreal.ctv.ca>

- Security tips suggest that young people walk in a group whenever possible.
- They should carry their bags / backpacks on the shoulder away from the roadway (not so easy to grab)
- They should step farther away, not come closer, if a stranger asks for directions, etc.
- If grabbed, the suggestion is to go limp and fall to the ground – because “dead weight” is harder to keep a hold on than a tense, upright person.
- If concerned about a stranger, pointing at the person and yelling as loudly as possible is recommended. “Help! Help! He’s not my Dad!”

AFTER SCHOOL

QAA reminds all students to remain inside the building after school if their ride home won’t be arriving until after 3:30 p.m.

Whether you are a sports player at the end of the game, or if you are part of an extra-curricular activity that has finally let out, or if you are just waiting for your car pool driver to show up, you are expected to finish your waiting inside the building in one of our three supervised areas (library, co-op, computer lab).

You are to leave by the Main Entrance only, and only after your driver has called for you (doorbell or personal cell phone).

The mysterious stranger making news right now is not the only risk faced by students who remain outside, unsupervised, in violation of our efforts to provide security, but the case makes the point that inside is safe.
