

MK Families & Friends Safety Guidelines

The safety, comfort, and happiness of our MK Families & Friends volunteers is our absolute top priority. It is essential that any fundraising activity that involves those less than 18 years of age use the highest level of supervision by both the parents and the school or community group. Below is a list of our MK fundraising safety tips and rules, which will ensure that your project is not only safe, but also a fun and rewarding experience for everyone:

- 1 Register your fundraiser/project with Miriam's Kitchen:** Any project that is run on behalf of MK, should be approved ahead of time. This will enable us to not only be fully aware of your kindness and commitment, but will also give us time to arrange photographs or support materials (if needed/available.)
- 2 No door-to-door sales:** This is not a safe practice and is neither allowed nor condoned by MK Families & Friends. If you would like to offer fundraising products to your community, parents should be the ones to make the contact. Phone calls, emails and social networking are the preferred choice for fundraising/project solicitation, though must be done with adult supervision and guidance at all times.
- 3 Parental involvement in fundraising safety is a must.** There is a healthy balance between letting children/students initiate and organize and we are here to help. From phone calls, to events, to social networking, parents will need to be involved every step of the way. While we do not want the adult to 'do everything', the supervising adult must be informed at every stage.
- 4 Never allow children to carry collected money unless accompanied by a responsible adult.** Parents/guardians/group leaders should be the ones to handle any funds collected and help to pass this on to MK staff.

Planning a Fundraiser? Whether you are planning a chili cook-off, chicken barbecue, spaghetti supper or pancake breakfast, there is some important information you need to know to make the event a healthy success.

Check out the flyer on our MK Families and Friends page called **Food Safety at Community Events**. (Courtesy of the NY State Department of Health)