Parking lots and garages can be very dangerous for both children and adults. Remember these tips to help avoid an accident:

**Parents: Teach your children**

- *...that parked vehicles might move.* Always stay alert for vehicles and don’t assume the driver can see you.

- *...not to exit the car by themselves, even if the doors are unlocked.* If parallel parked, always exit towards the sidewalk.

- *...to always hold your hand and never run in the parking lot.*

- *...to always be aware of their surroundings—keep their head up and their eyes open.* Stay off the phone and definitely **do not text and walk.**

**For Kids:**

- *...Never play with the door release lever inside the car—it may open when it is not safe to exit.*

- *...Wait for a parent or adult to open your door from the outside. Do not exit the car by yourself.*

- *...Stay with your parents and always hold their hand.*

- *...Never run out of the car or chase anything through the parking lot.*

- *...Treat the parking lot like a street.* Look both ways before crossing, use crosswalks, and always use sidewalks whenever possible.