

INITIATING CONVERSATIONS WITH STRANGERS

While most people want to make friends and learn about other people, there are situations where it is not appropriate to start a conversation, especially with strangers.

Some of these situations would include:

- in a public restroom
- in a clothing store dressing room
- in a movie theatre when the movie is playing
- during church services, lectures, or activities where people are watching and listening

Starting a conversation with a stranger during situations like these could make that person feel very uncomfortable or very annoyed. In some cases, it might get me in trouble or put me in danger to do this. When I am in these situations, I will try not to initiate a conversation. There are other, more appropriate places (during lunch at school, after school waiting for the bus), where I can start conversations with people.