Teaching social skills is an important part of the education of students with ASD. One important skill to teach being is being aware of your surroundings and when you may be in a dangerous situations. This activity explains what dangerous situations are and includes scenarios our students may encounter. You can discuss what parts of the situation are dangerous and ways to handle it.

**Materials Needed:**

- Paper
- Laminator
- Scissors
- Manila folder
- Sticky-back Velcro
- Envelope to store options

**Optional:**
- Two trays to sort options

**Directions:**

1. Print out pages 2-4.
2. Laminate pages 3 and 4.
3. Cut out the individual cards on p.3 and put 1 piece of soft Velcro on the back of each option.
4. Put 2 strips of hard velcro on each side of p.4
5. Modify to meet individual needs of your students! (E.g. Add pictures to the words, or use scenarios tailored to individual student(s).)

**Optional:**
Cut out options from p.4 and attach them to sorting containers such as envelopes or shallow bins.

*For more information, see How-To Template: Sorting Task*
Dangerous Situations

When you are out in public you need to know about your surroundings to make sure you are staying safe all the time. There are times when certain situations are more dangerous than others. During these times you need to be aware of what the weather forecast is, if you are in an unfamiliar neighborhood, or if a stranger approaches you. During these times you need to pay extra attention and take extra time to think before you act. These actions will make sure you stay safe.

Here are rules for staying safe and staying out of dangerous situations:

1. If there is a chance of significant weather (tornado, hail, or thunder and lightning) during the time you are away from home, take the bus instead of riding your bike.

2. If you are going to be out and away from home after dark, take the bus or ride in a car instead of riding your bike.

3. Obey all traffic rules while riding your bike. This means using designated bike lanes on the road, waiting for green lights to go, and waiting for walk signs to cross an intersection.

4. Do not walk or ride your bike alone in new or unfamiliar neighborhoods. This is true especially at night.

5. Do not give strangers your personal information. This includes: last name, any banking information, phone number, address, social security number, and date of birth.

6. If you are hungry late at night order a snack or order food for delivery instead of riding your bike or taking the bus to the grocery.

Explain If the situation is safe or not?
You check the weather and it says it will be severe weather at 1:00 PM. You look outside and it is sunny right now. Is it safe to ride your bike to work?

You get on the wrong bus and go to a new part of town you have not been to. Is it safe to walk home from this new location?

You are at an intersection with a red light. There are no other cars coming. You are in a hurry. Is it safe to go before the light turns green?

It is after dinner and you are still very hungry. It is dark outside. You are craving pizza. Is it safe to ride your bike to the closest pizza restaurant and buy a pizza?

A person you do not know comes up to you and starts asking about your personal information. He says you are his new best friend. Is it safe to share your personal information with him?