

DOG BITE PREVENTION FOR CHILDREN

TOP 10 WAYS TO STAY SAFE AROUND DOGS

- 🐾 Do NOT approach an unfamiliar or unattended dog
 - 🐾 Never run away from a dog and scream
- 🐾 If you are approached by an unfamiliar dog, remain motionless:
“be a tree”
- 🐾 If you are knocked over by a dog, roll tightly into a ball and lie still:
“be a ball”
- 🐾 Do not play with a dog unless supervised by an adult
- 🐾 Never corner, crowd, or stand over a dog – this can scare them!
- 🐾 Avoid direct eye contact and NEVER put your face in a dog’s face
- 🐾 Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies
- 🐾 Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first
- 🐾 If bitten, immediately report the bite to an adult

These simple steps will help keep you safe around dogs, and will also help prevent dog bites to you, your friends, your family, and your community!

REMEMBER: All dogs are unique and have different tolerance levels for many things, including play. Ask an adult you trust to help teach you safe dog behavior, and always remember to treat animals with respect and kindness!

For more information on dog bite prevention, please visit
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