

Pet Safety

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Man's best friend  
or child's worst enemy?



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Victims of severe dog-bite injuries are almost exclusively under age 10.

Dogs bite almost 5 million people each year in the U.S., and the face is the most frequent target.

### Information to help keep your child safe:

- Kids under 6 years of age are at a higher risk for injuries because of their size.
- Never leave a baby or small child alone with a dog.

### Teach your child these rules:

- Never disturb a dog if it's eating, sleeping or caring for puppies.
- Never tease a dog.
- Always ask a dog's owner if it is OK to pet the dog.
- Don't run past a dog.

### Teach your child what to do if a dog scares her:

- Don't run away. Remain calm.
- Act like a tree: stand still, feet together, fists under your chin and elbows into the chest.
- If you are knocked down, act like a log: lie still, face down, legs together, with your hands over your head and neck.

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