

Child & Dog Safety

5 Rules Every Parent Needs to Keep Children Safe Around Dogs

Simple rules you can use today to reduce risk and keep children safe around dogs

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The 5 Rules for Parents

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1. No Supervision = no interaction



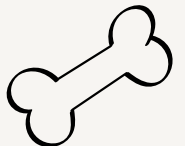
2. Barriers first — Separate zones



3. Safe rest spot for dog, off limits to children



4. Food, chews & toys away from children



5. Manage high risk situations early



What counts as supervision ?

Active supervision = you're watching, close enough to intervene, and not distracted. If you're cooking, on the phone, answering the door, dealing with a tantrum, or using the toilet — separate dog from children.

Why These Rules Matter

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1. No Supervision = No interaction

Incidents happen fast - It's easier to correct, redirect or avoid an incident, if you're present in the interaction.

4. Food, chews & toys away from children

Food and high-value items are common bite triggers.

2. Barriers first - Separate zones

Separate zones are responsible, not mean — they prevent problems before they start and provide safe zones for both the dog and the children.

5. Manage high-risk moments early

Stress stacks. End interactions early, before energy builds.

3. Safe rest spot for dog - off limits to children

Resting dogs can startle, feel trapped, or guard space. They deserve a quiet place of their own.

Most bites happen during normal family moments — not because a dog is 'bad', but because situations build too quickly.

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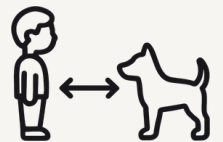
1. Ask first — then wait



2. Gentle, calm hands



3. Give dogs space



4. No hugging or kissing



5. Leave dogs eating or sleeping

