



## Being Dog Safe for Kids!

Dogs can be fun and wonderful, but they can also bite you. Learn how to not get bit and to protect yourself. Learn these rules to be safe around dogs!



Never approach a dog you don't know, especially if she's tied or confined behind a fence or in a car! Don't stare at a dog's eyes, they don't like this.

Don't pet a dog, even your own – without letting her see and sniff you first.



If you know the dog and the owner says you can pet her, always pet a dog under her chin, NOT over her head. Many dogs are afraid of being petted on the top of their heads!

Don't disturb a dog while she's sleeping, eating, chewing on a toy, or caring for her puppies.



Be cautious about dogs you don't know. Remember that a dog who doesn't know you may see you as an intruder or threat.

If you are approached by a dog that you are afraid of, don't scream or run away. Stay motionless, avoid eye contact with the dog and keep your hands to your sides!

- Once the dog loses interest, slowly back away.
- If the dog does attack, feed him your jacket, purse, bicycle or anything you can to put in her mouth.
- If you fall or are knocked to the ground, curl into a ball with your hands over your ears and don't move. Try not to scream or roll around!