

## Parenting Tip: Avoiding Dog Bites

Prevent injuries with these four common sense rules

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As the temperatures rise, so does your child's risk of being bitten by a dog, says a recent study by researchers at the University at Buffalo's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Young kids are particularly vulnerable to severe bites in the head and neck areas. Protect your child by teaching her to:

- 1. Never approach strange dogs**, try to pet them through fences, or disturb those that are sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.
- 2. Ask a dog owner's permission** before petting.
- 3. Walk past a dog, don't run**, which may cause him to become excited or aggressive.
- 4. If your child is bitten, always call the doctor.** Even minor bites need to get professional attention since they can easily become infected.



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