

Steps To Reduce Dog Bites

Did You Know?

- Any dog can bite (owned or free-roaming)
- Dog bites can happen from any dog breed
- Children are at high risk because of being loud, unpredictable, and at face-level with dogs

Warning Signs Of A Bite

Stress
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Bite

- Yawning, blinking, nose licking, panting, looking away
- Walking away, ears back, tail tucked under
- Crouched, stiff body, staring
- Growling, show teeth, snap, freeze, BITE



Step 1: How To Approach Dogs

Never approach a dog that you do not know

Do:

For dogs that you know: **be calm & quiet!**

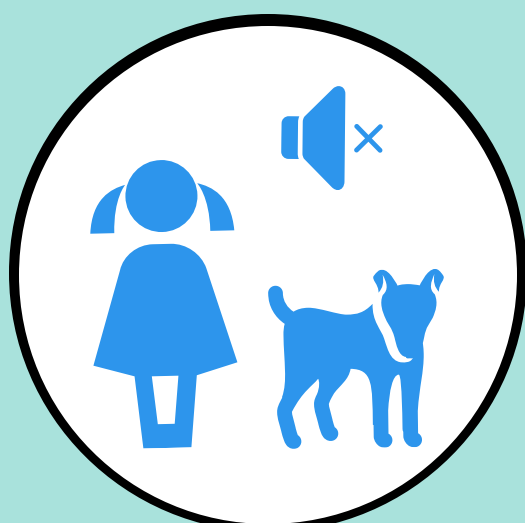
Wait for dogs to come to you.

No eye contact

Keep your side to the dog

• Pet from the side of their face or body

• Or pet gently down their backs



Step 2: What To Do If A Dog Is Aggressive

Do **Not** run away or make loud sounds or make eye contact

Do:

Close hands into a fist and **fold arms**

Look at the ground

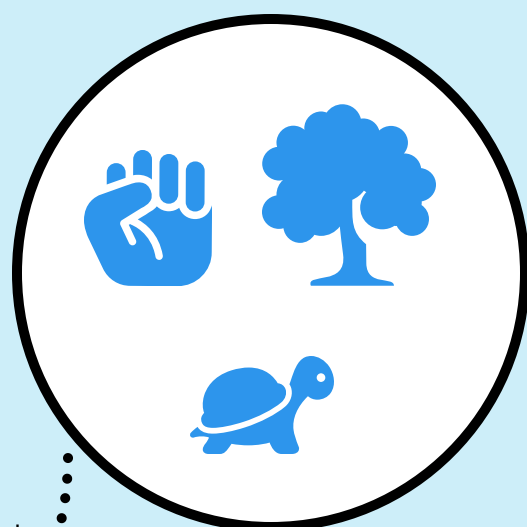
Stand like a **tree**

Walk away **slowly**

If a dog knocks you over, tuck and curl into **turtle pose**

*Turtle pose: curl into a ball and cover head with arms. Keep arms close to body like a turtle

*Tree pose: be quiet, stand still with arms at sides like a tree



Step 3: Treat Dogs As You'd Like To Be Treated

Do **not** interrupt them if they are eating, drinking, nursing or sleeping.

Do **not** put your face directly up to them

Do **not** grab or hug and kiss dogs

Do **not** throw rocks at or kick dogs

Do:

Give dogs space and respect!



By following these steps, you can reduce the chances of getting bitten. Keep in mind that some dogs may bite without warning. Always try to have adult supervision when interacting with dogs.