

Dog Bite Prevention

The vast majority of dog bites are from a dog known to the child – his or her own pet, a neighbor's or a friend's. You can help prevent this from happening to your child. Please discuss with him or her the appropriate way to behave around dogs. The following is a list of appropriate ways to behave around dogs.

- Do not stare into a dog's eyes
- Do not tease dogs behind fences
- Do not go near dogs chained up in yards
- Do not touch a dog you do not know that is loose outside
- Do not run or scream if a loose dog comes near you
- Stand very still and be quiet if a dog comes near you
- Do not touch or play with a dog while he is eating
- Do not touch a dog when he is sleeping
- Only pet a dog if you have received permission from the dog's owner
- Ask permission of the dog by letting him sniff your closed hand (fist)