



# Dog Bite Prevention

Tips for avoiding and treating dog bites

Even good dogs can bite. **Protect yourself** and **your children by using common sense.** If you are bit, seek medical attention right away.

**Ask before you pet**

**Always ask** the owner before you pet their dog and pet it lightly starting at its back or shoulders.

**Never approach** an unattended dog. Do not reach over a fence or through a car window to pet a dog.



**Do not disturb** dogs while they are sleeping or eating.

**Avoid** dogs guarding their toys or taking care of puppies.



**Do not disturb**

**Supervise children**



**Never leave** infants or young children unattended with ANY dog.

**Teach** children polite behavior around dogs.

**Always** set a good example for your child when it comes to interacting with dogs and other animals!

**Immediately wash wounds** with warm soapy water.

**Seek medical attention** to ensure proper care is given to the wound and to protect yourself and family.

**Scratch and Bite Care**



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