

BE SAFE AROUND DOGS!



AN ACTIVITY BOOK FOR CHILDREN

Parents and caregivers:

- Remember that children and dogs can be great friends when adults use common sense and put safety first.
- Please read through this guide together.



DOGS CAN BE GREAT FRIENDS,
BUT YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AROUND
THEM. A DOG THAT IS SCARED COULD
BARK AT YOU OR BITE YOU.

Never go near a dog without a grown-up around.
If there is a grown-up with the dog, remember your

ABCs:

- Ask the **A**dult if it is OK to pet their dog.
- **B**efore touching the dog, let it sniff the **B**ack of your hand.
- **C**arefully and **C**almly, pet the dog gently on the side of the neck or shoulder.
- **S**peak **S**oftly and quietly around the dog. Being loud or yelling might scare it.

COLOR THE DOG AND THE PEOPLE IN
THE PICTURE.



LET THE DOG GET USED TO YOU.

- Don't hug or grab a dog. You could scare it.
- Let the dog sniff you before you pet it.
- Pet the dog gently on the neck or shoulder.

IS THIS SAFE?



WHY?

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BE SAFE, REMEMBER TO NEVER

- Stare at a dog
- Run away from a dog
- Tease or hurt a dog
- Pet a dog when it is eating or sleeping
- Try to pet a dog caring for its puppies



ALWAYS TELL AN ADULT IF YOU'VE BEEN BITTEN OR SCRATCHED.

Write down one thing you should *never* do to a dog.

DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WITH A DOG THAT SHOWS YOU ARE BEING SAFE.



WHAT TO DO IF A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW COMES UP TO YOU:

- Stand still.
- Do not stare at the dog.
- Make fists with your hands and hold them up to your chin.

IF YOU ARE SITTING OR LYING ON THE GROUND WHEN A DOG YOU DON'T KNOW COMES UP TO YOU:

- Lie face down and put your feet together.
- Make fists and put them behind your head.
- Cover your ears with your arms.

What is one thing you should do if a dog you don't know comes up to you?



Do you remember another one?

