



# Managing the Risk of Dogs around Children: Guidance for Professionals working with Children and Families



## Do Not Leave Dogs Alone with Children

Never leave your child alone in the same room with a dog, even your own.



## Do Not Approach Dogs

Teach your child not to approach dogs when they:

- are eating or have a treat
- have a toy or something they like
- are sleeping, unwell, injured or tired
- are blind or deaf



## Being Kind to Dogs

Teach your child to be kind and polite to dogs. Do not let your child climb on the dog or pull its ears or tail.



## Playing Nicely with Dogs

Teach your child how to play nicely with your dog. For example, your child can teach your dog to shake a paw, play dead or roll over.



## Supervision

Supervise your child when they are with your dog. If the dog starts to look unhappy, make sure you allow the dog to move out of the way to somewhere they feel safe eg their bed.



## Dogs outside the home

Never allow your child to approach a dog they don't know and try to stroke it.

For example, if you are out at the park.

**If you have concerns about the behaviour of your child or dog towards each other, please seek advice**

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