

The 6 Golden Rules

for keeping your child safe and your dog happy

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



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Teach your child never to approach dogs when they:

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

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Teach your child to be kind and polite to dogs. Don't let your child climb on dogs, pull their ears or do anything you wouldn't allow them to do to another child.



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Teach your child how to play nicely with your dog. For example, your child can teach your dog some really fun tricks like shake a paw, play dead, or roll-over.



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Supervise your child when they're with your dog – if your dog looks unhappy, let him/her go somewhere they feel safe and happy.



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Never allow your child to approach a dog they don't know, for example when out in the park.



TOP TIP

We all need a break sometimes – give your dog a cosy spot in a quiet room where they can have their own space. Teach your child to leave your dog alone when they're in their private spot.