

Trumbull County Health Department

kids and dog safety

1-2 million dog bites occur annually in the U.S.



Teaching children do's and don'ts is one of the most important lessons they can learn.

- Young children should not approach a dog without adult supervision.
- Never run up to a dog.
- Don't make loud noises or sudden moves when approaching- speak softly. Avoid eye contact.
- Never touch or approach a dog that is eating or in possession of a treat or bone. Never approach a dog with puppies.
- Never hurt a dog, such as pulling his tail or fur.
- Always ask the owner's permission before petting a dog.
- With your hand in a fist, hold your hand out and allow the dog to sniff your hand.
- Keep your face away from the dog's.
- If the dog is aggressive back off slowly, with eyes down.
- If a dog is chasing you, stop running, stand with arms close to your body, hands in front of you, with head down. Don't make loud noises or sudden moves when approaching- speak softly. Avoid eye contact.