

Tampa Personal Injury Attorney Provides Tips for Parents to Prevent Dog Bites

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Of the almost five million people injured every year by dog bites, more than half of them are children under the age of 14. A Tampa personal injury attorney shares [dog bite prevention tips](#) for parents from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

Pick a good match. Consult a veterinarian for details about the best dog breed for children.

Socialize your dog. Gradually expose your puppy to a variety of people and other animals so it feels at ease in these situations; continue this exposure as your dog gets older.

Train your dog. Training builds a bond and teaches trust.

Avoid aggressive games like wrestling or tug-of-war with your dog.

Neuter your dog and vaccinate against rabies and other diseases.

Never leave a baby or small child alone with a dog.

Teach your child how to act around a strange dog. Tell you child not to pet any dog without an owner present, and only after asking permission. Show your child how to touch a dog gently, avoiding the face, head and tail.

Tell your child not to bother a dog if it is sleeping, eating or caring for puppies.

Tell your child not to run past a dog.

If a dog threatens you, remain calm. Avoid eye contact. Stand still until the dog leaves, or back away slowly. If you are knocked down, curl into a ball and protect your face with your hands. If a dog bites your child, clean small wounds with soap and water and seek medical attention for larger wounds. Contact the dog's veterinarian to check vaccination records.

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