



Important Dog Bite Statistics

Dog Safety and
Learning Activities
for Proactive Families

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- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), there are approximately 4.7 million dog bites every year in the U.S.
- Dog Bites occur roughly every 75 seconds in the United States (CDC)
- The HSUS estimates 51% of all dog bite victims are children
- The majority of dog bites are directed towards children ranging in age between 5 and 14 (Lindsey, 2001)
- Children are also more likely than adults to need medical attention, and are far more likely to be severely injured (CDC)
- Getting bitten by a dog is the second most frequent cause of visits to emergency rooms for children according to a survey done by Weiss, Friedman & Cohen (JAMA 1998)
- Most dog bites effecting young children occur during everyday activities and while interacting with familiar dogs (CDC)
- The vast majority of biting dogs (77%) belong to the victim's family or a friend (CDC)
- 80% of dog bites occur in the home. (Kahn et all (2004) Miller & Howell (2007))

