



Safety Tips

A five-minute training series for PCOs.



Preventing Dog Bites



Dogs bite over 4.7 million people every year. Our industry is no exception. Over half of those incidents were provoked. Over 77% of these dog bite cases were by friendly dogs. Rarely is it the dog's fault. Unfortunately, there are other exposures, besides the injury itself. Dog bites often transmit infection, tetanus or rabies.

To avoid dog bites, we must first discuss the causes. Causes include, but are not limited to:

- Mistreatment of the dog
- Behavior of the victim
- Invasion of their territory
- Perceived threat to the owner
- Jealousy of the dog
- Approaching or bending down to the dog
- Over exciting the dog

The following are **don'ts** that can help prevent dog bites:

- Don't put your face close to his
- Don't tease him
- Don't pet stray dogs
- Don't startle him
- Don't touch a sleeping dog (leave sleeping dogs lie)
- Don't run
- Don't approach a stray dog
- Don't ignore a dog's aggressive behavior
- Don't stare at a dog's eyes (avoid direct eye contact)

Watch for indicators that the dog may attack, such as growling, ears back or erect, the dog is rigid and still, hair on his back is standing up, etc.

If a dog attacks feed it anything. Your coat or any other loose object that can distract the dog while you escape. **Should a dog bite you, wash out the bite and seek medical attention immediately. Report the incident to the police and your supervisor at once.**

