



While we always do our best to proactively support dogs and children together, if an incident such as a bite, growl, or snap occurs, it is important to know what to do. In the event of such an incident, we recommend the following:

1. Separate the dog and child immediately with a physical barrier such as a gate, crate, or closed door.
2. Seek medical attention if necessary.
3. Take photographs of any visible injuries to share with professionals as you move forward.
4. Call the Family Paws support line at **(877) 247-3407** for immediate guidance or contact your local Family Paws Parent Educator (<https://www.familypaws.com/member-directory/>) for support. Provide the following incident report to your Family Paws Parent Educator at first contact.
5. Consider reaching out to a mental health professional to support your emotional needs. An incident like this can be traumatic for both child and adult victims and witnesses.
6. Contact your veterinarian for a medical assessment on your dog.

INCIDENT REPORT

Date and time of incident: _____ Location of incident: _____

Age/ Breed/ Sex of Dog: _____ Age of child: _____

Please circle most applicable: family dog friend's dog unknown dog

Who was present? _____

Did the dog vocalize at all? If so, please describe.

Did you observe what occurred immediately prior to the bite? If so, what did you observe?

Describe the incident in detail (feel free to write on the back of this page if need be):

How did you respond?

Following the incident, the dog was _____

Following the incident, the child was _____

Was medical care required after the incident (please circle)? Yes No