

**SaTH Standard Operating Procedure has been written in conjunction with West Mercia Police, Shropshire Social Care and Telford & Wrekin Social Care**

**Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 – change to this act came into force in May 2014.**

**All Dog owners are responsible for the behaviour or their dog around other people and other animals.**

**It is against the Law to let a dog be out of control in**

- Public Place
- Private Place
- The owner's home

## 7 Minute Brief



# Dog Bites

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**When seeing a child who has been bitten you need information**

**Has the dog bitten anyone before?**

**Time / place it happened**

**What was the dog doing beforehand?**

**What was the child doing beforehand e.g. antagonising the dog?**

**Breed of Dog**

**All Dog Bites are to be reported to Social Care and the Police.**

**Complete a MARF for social care and report via [Report a crime](#) | [West Mercia Police](#) to the Police**

### Out of Control

**A dog is considered to be 'out of control' if it**

**Injures someone.**

**Makes someone worried they could be injured.**

**Injures another animal.**

**The owner thinks they could be injured trying to stop their dog attacking another animal.**

**Adult supervision with the dog**

**Has the child accidentally injured the dog, trod on it's tail?**

**How old is the dog?**

[www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview](http://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/overview)

**Dangerous Dog Act 1991**

**The Law applies to all Dogs**