

# *Child* **SAFETY**



**The Best Ways To Keep Youth  
Of All Ages Safe And Secure**

**DIGITAL COURSE**

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## Preface / Introduction

At one time, protecting your children was as easy as ensuring they were in at dark, brushed their teeth and had a delicious and healthy dinner. The world has changed throughout the years, however, and nowadays it is a much scarier place to live than we ever could have imagined 15 or 20 years ago. It seems that we live in a world where dangers lurk at every corner; especially for the harmless, helpless children that we love so dearly. Keeping your kids safe is a never-ending, tireless task, yet one that you'd go to great lengths to secure for the most precious beings in your life. From the very first day that you bring your children home from the hospital until the day that you leave this earth, protecting your kids from harm is something that you'd go to great lengths to do.

Friends and family are always there to provide you with advice and guidance for child-rearing and maintaining their safety and while their advice is always meant-well and accepted, it sometimes isn't accurate, up-to-date, or something that you'd ever consider as a parent. Since there is no manual for child safety and the advice of others may not always be the best, it is up to you to ensure that you are always aware of the right ways of protecting your little ones.

With this guide you'll learn professional tips and advice for child safety. Whether you're the parent of a baby, a toddler, or a school-aged child or teenager, the information inside of this course is provided to you in an effort to help you keep the people that you love most in life safe no matter where life may take them. We'll provide you with tips and information for child safety when they're at home with the babysitter and while they ride their bike; there is safety information for babysitters and dealing with strangers. There is an abundance of safety information covered here. Everything that you need to do can be found within this course and thanks to its easy to reference sections, you can come back and go through any information once again easily. Going through this course offers insight into the following child safety topics (and many others:):

## Chapter 1: Child Safety Statistics



As a parent, there is nothing in this world that you wouldn't do to protect your children. It is only natural that you have such a desire within your heart, especially with all of the things that you see going on in the world today. If child safety isn't yet a concern, perhaps you've been in the dark far too long. The following child safety statistics are shocking, but nonetheless the realities of the world today. Upon learning this information you may have an entirely new outlook on child safety and the importance of keeping your kids, no matter their age, protected at all times. If you are interested in learning more about the dangers that lurk out there around your child, this guide provides the necessary information needed to stay informed. This is the wake-up call that you need if child safety isn't already a concern on the top of your mind. Are you ready to hear some of the shocking statistics?

According to the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children, there are approximately 800,000 kids reported missing each year. This includes both those that have been abducted, ran away from home, and whose whereabouts are otherwise unknown by the parents or custodial guardians.

A child is [reported missing](#) every 40 seconds in the U.S.

74% of all child abductions are of female victims.

The National Center for Exploited and Missing Children also reports that more than 200,000 children are kidnapped or abducted by a family member or close relative and

another 58,000 kidnapped by a stranger each year in the U.S. It seems that no one is trustworthy around your children these days.

[Dosomething.org](http://Dosomething.org) reports that approximately 1.2 million school-aged students are bullied each year. An average of 4,600 teen suicides is reported each year, with a large number of those suicides related to bullying experienced both at school, at home, and online.

The Department of Justice reports that there are 1.8 million children affected by sexual abuse in the U.S. Many of these cases involve a close family member or friend, or someone that the child trusted.

One out of every three teens aged 12 to 17 has been the victim of cyberbullying.

Approximately 400 children were killed while riding their bikes in 2010. Another 515,000 bicycle injuries were reported in this same year. These accidents were oftentimes the result of not wearing a helmet

The U.S. Product Safety Commission reports that approximately 390 children die from accidental pool drowning each year. Most of these deaths are children under 5 years of age.

Children riding bikes are at greater risk of accident, injury, or death than while riding inside of a car, despite the fact that bicycle accidents account for only 1% of all accidents reported.

Motor vehicle accidents, homicide, suicide, and other unintentional injuries are responsible for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all teen related deaths in the U.S.

Marijuana is the most commonly abused drug used by adolescents. Prescription drugs are a close second on the list.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, more than 44% of all high school seniors have used marijuana on at least one occasion and many currently use the drug.