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Dog Dangers Signs

Here are the 6 danger-signs that warn of a dog attack. Knowing them can keep your caregivers safe.

1. *A dog in its own yard, and no master present.* In 2008, 78% of the human fatalities were by dogs in their own yard.
2. *Pit bull, Rottweiler, Akita or Chow.* Most fatal dog attacks are by pit bulls. In 2008, 65% of the fatalities were by pit bulls.
3. *The pack mentality.* Three dogs are worse than 2, 4 are worse than 3, etc. Docile dogs often become uncharacteristically violent and vicious when they are in a pack. In 2008, 39% of the fatalities involved multiple dogs.
4. *Chained or tethered.* Dogs that are tied up are dangerous. In 2008, 9% of the fatalities involved chained dogs.
5. *Male.* Male dogs are several times more dangerous than female dogs. Unneutered male dogs are the worst.
6. *Newness.* A new dog in the house is dangerous for the first 60 days, and a person who is new to a household where a dog resides is in danger of attack for the first 60 days. In 2007 and 2008, 20% of fatal dog attacks involved a new person or dog sharing a household for a period of two months or less.

The presence of any one factor indicates danger. Two or more of these danger-signs should be avoided at all costs.