

DODGE that dog bite



Dogs are our companions and our best friends. Yet even the most loyal and affectionate dogs can attack or bite, depending on circumstances.

■ WE WANT TO HELP YOU BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE

- Dogs must be leashed in all public places unless otherwise stated.
- Dogs must be secured appropriately to prevent them from escaping.

UNDER THE *COMPANION ANIMAL ACT*, A DOG THAT 'RUSHES AT, ATTACKS, BITES, HARASSES OR CHASES ANY PERSON OR ANIMAL, WHETHER OR NOT ANY INJURY IS CAUSED', HAS COMMITTED A DOG ATTACK. *PENALTIES AND ORDERS MAY APPLY.*

THE PENALTY FOR A DOG ATTACK IS \$1,320



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■ HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE:

- Ensure your dog is secured within your property and cannot roam. Dogs often behave differently when their owners are not with them.
- Ensure your dog is leashed in a public area. This includes when collecting the mail, putting out the bins or getting in and out of the car.
- Only allow your dog off its leash in signposted off-leash areas. Always keep it in sight and ensure your dog can be recalled at any time.
- Ensure your dog is trained. Evidence suggests that dogs that have received basic training are less likely to be involved in dog attacks.
- Ensure your dog is regularly exercised. An exercised dog is a happy dog that is less likely to be aggressive.
- Understand and manage your dog's behaviour. Dogs are individuals with varying levels of tolerance for other animals or unusual situations. Do not place your dog in a situation where it may behave inappropriately.
- Act promptly on behavioural or aggression issues with the help of qualified dog trainers.
- Always ask for permission before allowing your dog to interact with other dogs or people.
- Always supervise your dog's interactions with children.