

# Family dog bites toddler

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A two-year-old girl was taken to a Calgary hospital Thursday morning after she was bitten by the family dog.

Paramedics were called to a home in the southeast community of Dover Thursday before noon. They treated the girl for lacerations to the right side of her face and ear.

She was bitten by one of the two large dogs at her home.

The child is in stable condition at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

The city's animal services and bylaw department is reminding parents to not leave toddlers alone with dogs, no matter how good-natured or well-trained the animal. Officials say dogs can be startled by children and can react aggressively.

There is an automatic fine for allowing a dog to bite, ranging from \$350 to \$1,500 depending on the severity of the case.

Last year, the city investigated 134 cases of dog bites.

