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Off Leash Dogs Are Just An Accident Waiting To Happen For Children

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Wow, this past weekend brought some incredibly summer-like conditions to Chicago. The temps were in the 80's, the sun was out and yes--- the dogs were running with excitement around every park and neighborhood.

While I share the dogs' excitement to be outside after being cooped up all winter, I was really shocked by how many dogs were allowed to mingle with young children at playgrounds-- without any leash!

Even to a cautious **personal injury lawyer**, who has seen the ravages of unleashed dogs, I was really disappointed-- and somewhat scared for the safety of my four-year-old son who was busy playing.

Though most dog owners, appeared to be within close proximity to their animals, none of them appeared to be the least bit concerned about the possibility of their animal attacking a child playing nearby.

Should dog owners be scared about the acts of their dogs?

Many states and municipalities have enacted "leash laws" that simply require dogs to be leashed when they are on public property. However, even without these leash laws, dog owners' are generally

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responsible for the acts of their dog-- bites and all. In fact, some states, such as Illinois, have laws which make a dog owner strictly responsible for the acts of their dog. In other words, if **your dog bites**-- you are responsible for the resulting injuries or damages.

As a dog owner, I am shocked by how much foolish confidence many owners is put in their dogs when allow them to enter a busy area without any area leashing. Perhaps, these dog owners should review the **Animal Control Act of Illinois** which holds them responsible for all resulting injury their dog causes to children and others who may be harmed by their animal?

Have a question about the 'leash laws' in your state? Here's is a great **website** maintained by Michigan State University Law School with links to applicable state laws.

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