

Postmaster Outreach Speech to Students

Dog Attack Prevention Speech for School Children – grades K-2

[Make the presentation light and fun. Even though this is a serious subject, children will respond to a friendly and approachable adult.]

Good morning boys and girls.

My name is **[Name]** and I'm your postmaster. **[Tell the children what a postmaster is/does.]**

I am here today because I have a message from Postal Pup! **[Open a letter in an envelope with this message.]**

Postal Pup needs your help!

I am going to read you a message from Postal Pup:

Hello Kids! Postal Pup here!

Your mail carrier loves delivering your mail but sometimes your dogs don't love the mail carrier. Some mail carriers have to go to the hospital because of dogs in the neighborhood and that's no fun, right? As dogs, we love our human families, but when we see the mail carrier, we can get overprotective.

If you are in your yard and the mail carrier wants to hand you a letter, what does that look like to you? **[Reach to a child and hand them a "letter" – wait for excited response.]**

I know it seems fun, but your dog doesn't know if you are having fun. If your dog doesn't know you're having fun, he might bite the mail carrier. Ouch! You must let your mail carrier place the mail in your mail box.

Our job as dogs is to protect each and every one of you, the ones we love. Sometimes when we are overprotective, we bite the mail carrier to protect you. Some days, we are tired, cranky, or hungry and we get into a bad mood – just like our human families.

A lot of mail carriers are being bitten by dogs each year, and I need your help to make sure your mail carrier is safe. The best way to keep your mail carrier safe is to make sure your dog is away from the door when the mail carrier comes to deliver the mail.

If you go outside, make sure your dog doesn't get out. Always close the door behind you when you leave the house. If you are outside with your dog, make sure your dog is away from the mail carrier and on a leash so the mail carrier cannot get hurt. Always be kind to your dog and all dogs.

Here are some safety tips you can take home and please go over what we spoke about today with your family. **Last but not least, as a way to remember this safety talk – sing it with me: When you see your mail carrier every day, make sure your dog is put away.**

Thank you for letting me speak to you today. Have a great and safe rest of the year!

Coloring Page for Students

Postmasters can use the coloring page as a fun, informative way to raise awareness about dog bite safety. Children can bring their artwork home to their parents for discussion. Also, postmasters can collect artwork to display in the lobby or on the workroom floor for carrier encouragement.



How will you keep your carrier safe?



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Dog Warning Card
DANGEROUS DOG

At address _____
(Place in front of mail for address where dog poses a threat. Do not address this form.)

Description _____
(Color, size, breed, if known.)

Dog's name, if known _____

Do not deliver mail if you feel endangered by an animal.
Postmaster: If customer agrees, immediately forward this form under separate cover to the receiving office postmaster in order to alert carrier of new dog on route.

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