

# Kids at the Skatepark

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The target audience, parents, have children. Parents want their children to be safe. They don't want bad things to happen to them. They assume that others will treat their children with respect and deference. They also bring their children to skateparks and let them play like it's a normal park. Sure, it's called a *skatepark*, but it's definitely not a *park*. It is an inherently dangerous place with people much larger than children moving rapidly. It is a danger that we take upon ourselves when we go to skate. We wear pads and helmets. We know how to bail so that we don't get too hurt. But children aren't familiar with these concepts. They are too young to understand. In fact, pre-teens at the skatepark are too young to understand social cues and frequently skate in the wrong areas — dangerous areas. Everyone is skating a certain line and children are playing around on that line. A gentle nudging can help, but anywhere outside of Utah and this can end in violence.

What are the consequences of having children at skateparks on their safety?