

# A GUIDE TO DYNAMICALLY ASSESSING RISK

## PRESS PAUSE

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Establish a playful way to signal to children that you want them to stop what they're doing and come to you (like a wolf howl).

## GET ON THE SAME TEAM

Ask the children what they want to do so you're clear. Acknowledge that what they want to do looks fun, and if appropriate, make clear that you want to make it happen if it's possible to do it safely.

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## SHARE YOUR CONCERNS (IDENTIFY HAZARDS AND RISKS)

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Depending on how old the children are, share your concerns right away or think through the concerns all together.

## GENERATE IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO BE SAFE (MITIGATE THE RISKS)

When children generate their own ideas about keeping safe, they are invested in them!

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## GO FOR IT! (OR DON'T)

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Sometimes it feels right to let the children go for it! Other times, the risks outweigh the potential benefits - and that's OK!

**Source:** [childnature.ca/dynamically-assessing-risk/](https://childnature.ca/dynamically-assessing-risk/)

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