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Ask your child: What is the difference between a safe and unsafe touch?

Read Together
People touch each other every day. Some touches make you feel happy or loved and are good for your body. These are safe touches. Hugs, holding hands, and pats on the back are examples of safe touches.

Other touches hurt. These are called unsafe touches. Pushing, kicking, hitting, and pinching are examples of unsafe touches. If you don’t want a touch, even if it is a safe touch, it’s okay to say no to the person touching you.

Practice Together
For this activity, you and your child will create lists of safe and unsafe touches:

1. Separately write lists of safe and unsafe touches.
2. Share lists and explain why you picked the touches you did.
3. Work together to create your family’s definition of what safe and unsafe touches are.

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What Is My Child Learning?
Your child is learning that safe touches are positive and caring, unsafe touches hurt your body, and how to assertively say no to unwanted touches, safe or unsafe.

Why Is It Important?
Students need to know that unsafe touches are not okay, and that they can refuse any touch they don’t want, even if it’s safe. This can help protect them from sexual abuse.