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FREE-RANGE Kids

How to Raise Safe, Self-Reliant Children (Without Going Nuts with Worry)



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Do you ever...let your kid ride a bike to the library? Walk to school? Make dinner? Or are you thinking about it? If so, you are raising a Free-Range Kid! Free-Rangers believe in helmets, car seats, seat belts — safety! We just do NOT believe that every time school age kids go outside, they need a security detail. Share your stories, tell your tips and maybe I'll use them in a new book. Here's to common sense parenting in uncommonly overprotective times!

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Hi Readers! Here's a nice little life snippet from David Broadbent, a father of three girls in Perth, Western Australia. He's too busy recording his kids conversations to blog, but he has put 389 of those conversations into a book www.extrafingers.net.au. Enjoy! – L.

SIGNS, SIGNS EVERYWHERE by David Broadbent

Isabella, after we'd made it to the West End on Rottnest Island in Western Australia about two weeks ago and had had a bit of a look around: "Dad, why are there so many signs?"

Dad: "They're warnings, Issy."

Isabella: "Warnings? About what?"

Dad: "About all the things that can hurt you?"

Isabella: "Like what, Dad?"

Dad: "Oh, cliffs falling on your head, unsteady footpaths giving way, that sort of thing."

Isabella: "Was everything this dangerous when you were a little boy?"

Dad: "Do you mean, did we have signs everywhere when I was little?"

Isabella: "Yeah."

Dad: "I can hardly remember any signs when I was a boy."

Isabella: "Oh! Well what has it become so dangerous now for?"

Dad: "It's not dangerous now. Things are the same now as they've always been. All that's changed is that people now think that everything has to have a warning sign on it in case someone accidentally hurts themselves."

Isabella: "But why can't people just watch out for things all by themselves? And besides, Dad. You can't warn people about everything. There are too many things in the world that can be dangerous. I know. Just tell everyone that they have to do it themselves."

Dad: "Do what?"

Isabella: "You know, look about for things. Otherwise there is going to be sand everywhere with lots of signs sticking out of it. Or rocks with signs sticking out of them."

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