

Safety and Risk Primary Resources

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<p>Lund, T.R., & Renne, J. (2009). <i>Child safety: A guide for judges and attorneys</i>. Children's Bureau Grant Number 90CZ0010. Washington, D.C.: ABA Center on Children and the Law.</p>	<p>This article provides a practical summary on child safety issues for judges and attorneys. It outlines the information needed to evaluate whether agency recommendations regarding child safety are based on sufficient information and if not, what other specific information should be gathered and reported to the court. The article also defines and discusses the various safety issues presented to family court judges and outlines clear standards that must be met before a child can be returned.</p> <p>The article focuses on three elements for consideration when determining safety issues: threats of danger, child's vulnerability, and protective capacities. These elements are discussed in great detail with much attention on how to analyze and apply them in safety decisions. The article also addresses safety and case plans, outlining for judges when they are appropriate, how to evaluate them, and how to monitor their progress.</p>	<p>The article is written as a guide for judges and attorneys and is authored by representatives from the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services and the National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. It is extremely well-written and thoroughly covers the topic of child safety. It provides useful checklists to assist judges in making reunification decisions, as well as Benchcards, and a "Frequently Asked Questions" section.</p>

