

Talking to your child about these dangers can help them stay safe when they are out on their own this summer.

- Ask your child how they think they can keep themselves safe.
- Help them learn about their local environment and acquire the skills to help keep themselves safe, e.g. learning to swim, cycle training, learning the Green Cross Code.
- Ask them about the places they might go, where to avoid and why, and what to do if they're worried whilst they're out on their own.
- Remind them not to climb on barriers and fences as they are there to protect them from serious injury and accidents and obey "Danger" signs.
- Agree a time they should be home.



For further information:

www.rospa.com
<http://think.direct.gov.uk/>
www.capt.org.uk
<http://bit.ly/playsafethissummer>

Are they playing
safe this
summer?



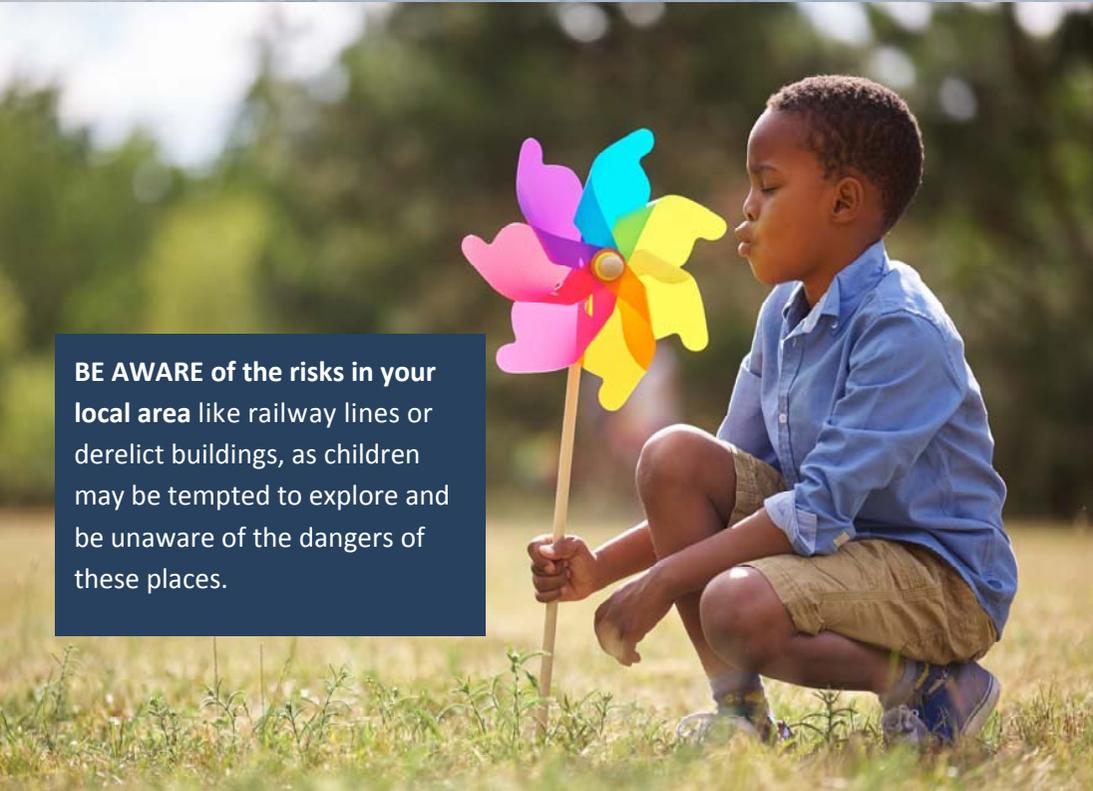
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We all want children and young people to enjoy playing out over the summer holidays.

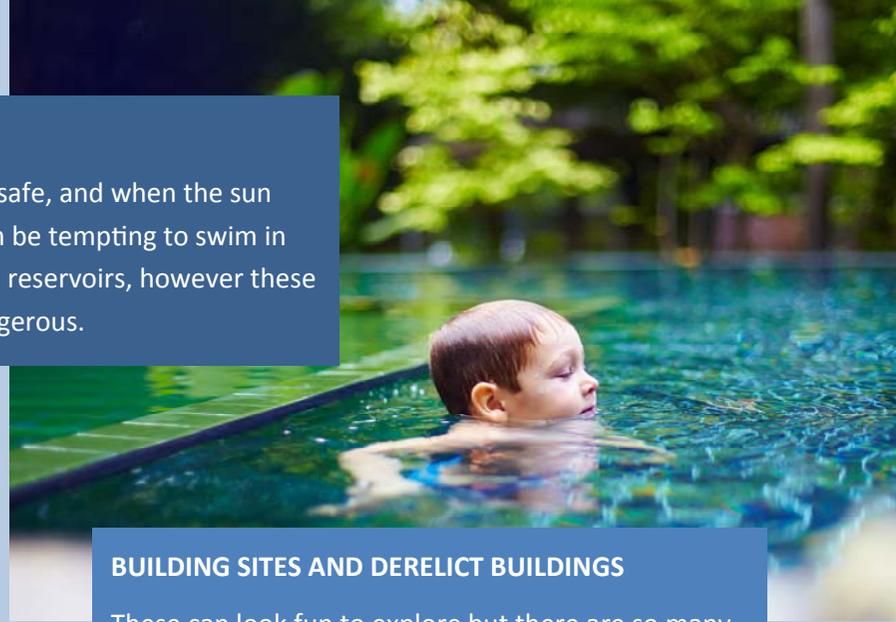
As they get older they may want to start playing out on their own and further away from home, so you may not always be able to see what they are doing. However, there are a number of ways you can help keep them safe.



BE AWARE of the risks in your local area like railway lines or derelict buildings, as children may be tempted to explore and be unaware of the dangers of these places.

WATER

Water can look safe, and when the sun comes out it can be tempting to swim in rivers, lakes and reservoirs, however these can be very dangerous.



BUILDING SITES AND DERELICT BUILDINGS

These can look fun to explore but there are so many dangers that can seriously harm children.

It is also illegal to enter these properties so children may also be breaking the law by playing there.



RAILWAYS

Trespassing on railway lines is very dangerous and also illegal. Trains travel at great speed, they can't always be heard and cannot stop quickly.

If you need to cross a railway line you should only use bridges or level crossing points. Make sure you talk to your children about railway safety and the dangers of the railway.

ROADS

You need to ensure that your child is fully aware of the dangers of vehicles on roads.

Mobile phones can distract children from paying attention to their surroundings and having earphones plugged in means they cannot hear the traffic.