

1. **Title: How To Keep Your Children Safe: A Guide For Parents. University Press of New England.**

**Author:** Yvonne Vissing

*Summary:*

How safe are children when they are in the care of "other people"? This book examines that question and provides pragmatic information about when parents should worry about their children's well being when they are not with them, and when they can assume they will likely return home to them safely. This book examines a host of care situations that confront parents on a daily basis, including day care, au pairs, nannies, use of family and friends to watch over children, camps, schools, religious organizations, sports, scouts and civic organizations, recreation organizations, transportation companies, to mention but a few. The book assumes a partnership model, in which organizations have a responsibility to use due-diligence to make sure their staff members who work with children are competent and safe. It also assumes that parents have a responsibility to ask questions, look for "red flags" of potential problems, and to do their homework before simply assuming that places are safe. It is important to listen to children on a daily basis, because they will usually give parents important information that pertains to how safe they are, physically and emotionally. This book strives for balance, as it is important for administrators and parents not to over react to situations, but for the sake of the children, they must seek not to ignore and under-react as well.