

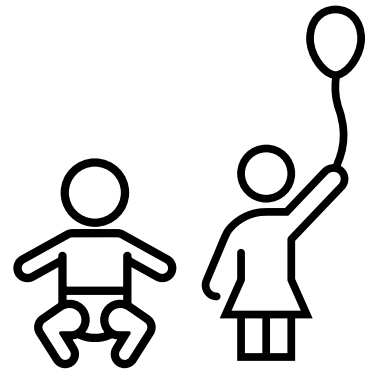


Awareness of danger

0 - 4 years

Babies and infants are not yet aware of dangers.

- no fear of the abyss
- no mental maturity to understand “abstract” warnings / explanations
- no own painful experiences until approx. 2 years of age



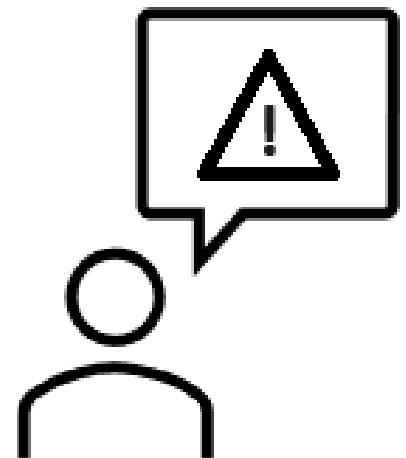
from approx. 4 years

An initial awareness of danger sets in.

from approx. 5 - 6 years

Children can recognize acute dangers when they are in the middle of them.
(acute risk awareness)

- first own experiences e.g. falling from a chair hurts
- cannot yet protect themselves from danger



Example: “if you climb on the chair again, it wobbles so dangerously”

from approx. 8 years

Children now gradually learn to recognize dangers in advance.
(anticipatory danger awareness)

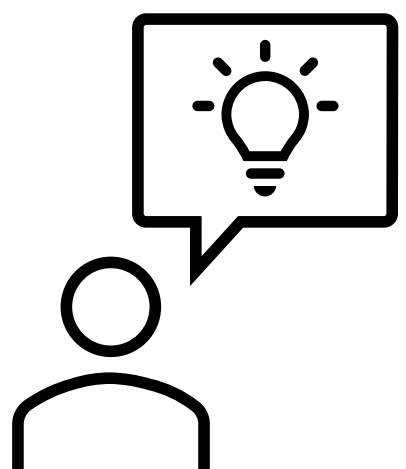
- Now they are more cautious
- Nevertheless, passive safety must be ensured

Example: “If you climb a tree, you can fall down.”

from approx. 9 – 12 years

Children begin to develop a preventive awareness of danger.
(preventive hazard awareness)

- avoid dangers - choose alternatives
- Suitable for road traffic
- Danger due to peer pressure / showing off



from approx. 12 years

It is usually only at this age that a forward-looking and preventative awareness of dangers.

- Attention puberty!

