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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. Retrieved November 12, 2021, from http://www.ct.gov/ccpa/lib/ccpa/ABA_Child_Safety_Manual_june32009.pdf</p>	<p>This guide provides a practical summary of 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 should be met before a child should be returned.</p> <p>The article focuses on three elements for consideration when determining safety issues: threats of danger, child vulnerability, and parental protective capacities. These elements are discussed in great detail, focusing 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 guide is written for judges and attorneys. It is authored by representatives from the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services and the National Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues. It thoroughly covers the topic of child safety. It provides valuable checklists to assist judges in making reunification decisions, bench cards, and a “Frequently Asked Questions” section.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the guide, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpacourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/1.-Child-Risk.-A-Guide-for-Judges-and-Attorneys.pdf</p>
<p>Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare & University of Pittsburgh. (2012, November). <i>The Safety Assessment and Management Process Reference Manual</i>. Retrieved October 9, 2020, from http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/</p>	<p>This manual provides reference material regarding the Pennsylvania Safety Assessment and Management Process, used by county child welfare staff.</p>	<p>As mentioned in the overview, Pennsylvania Child Welfare does have a Risk Assessment Manual that can be accessed at the following link. Only the table of contents is included in this printed version of the Resource Companion.</p>

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SafetyAssessment/Safety%20Manual12.7.pdf		<p>To review the 161-page document use the link below.</p> <p><i>To retrieve the article, use the link below:</i></p> <p>https://ocfcpcourts.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/The-Safety-Assessment-and-Management-Process-Reference-Manual.-new.pdf</p>

