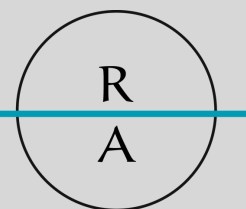


# 8 steps to take when reactive attachment disorder (RAD) poses safety concerns in your home



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Get a thorough assessment of your child's disorder and its severity.

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Determine if and how your child's behaviors pose a physical and emotional safety risk to themselves or anyone else in the home.

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Realistically evaluate your capacity to provide the necessary level of care to keep everyone in the family safe at all times.

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If you realize that your child poses a serious safety risk to themselves or others, immediately seek a higher level of care. Traditional methods are not enough to keep your family safe.

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If your child needs a higher level of care, present supporting documentation (records, a journal of events, etc.) to the professionals who assess the needs of your child and family. Continuously use phrases that clearly state you are not capable of keeping your child safe.

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Find outside care for your child as soon as possible while you secure other long-term options.

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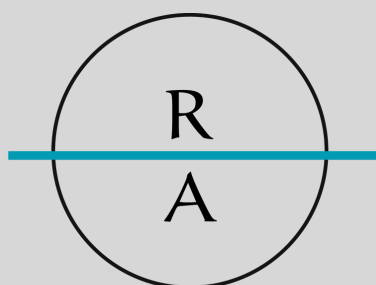
Check to see if your insurance company has a care manager that can help you with a treatment plan.

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Consider an advocate as you seek appropriate care for your child and navigate the various entities involved.

Children with RAD are triggered by their primary caregivers. They're often temporarily safer in other places as a result.

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