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adj. saf·er, saf·est

1.

- a. Free from danger or injury; undamaged or unhurt: *He returned from the voyage safe and sound.*
- b. Not exposed to the threat of danger or harm: *The children were safe at home all through the storm.*
- c. Usable in specified conditions without being damaged. Often used in combination: *a microwave safe container.*

2. Free from risk; not liable to be lost; sure: *a safe bet.*3. Affording protection: *a safe place.*4. *Baseball* Having reached a base without being put out, as a batter or base runner.

n.

1. A metal container usually having a lock, used for storing valuables.

2. A repository for protecting stored items, especially a cooled compartment for perishable foods: *a cheese safe.*[Middle English *sauſ*, from Old French, from Latin *salvus*, *healthy*; see [sol-](#) in [Indo-European roots](#).]

safe'ly adv.

safe'ness n.

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safe (seɪf)

adj

1. affording security or protection from harm: *a safe place.*
2. (*postpositive*) free from danger: *you'll be safe here.*
3. secure from risk; certain; sound: *a safe investment; a safe bet.*
4. worthy of trust; prudent: *a safe companion.*
5. tending to avoid controversy or risk: *a safe player.*
6. unable to do harm; not dangerous: *a criminal safe behind bars; water safe to drink.*
7. *informal Brit* excellent
8. **on the safe side** as a precaution

adv

9. in a safe condition: *the children are safe in bed now.*
10. **play safe** to act in a way least likely to cause danger, controversy, or defeat

n

11. a strong container, usually of metal and provided with a secure lock, for storing money or valuables
12. a small ventilated cupboard-like container for storing food
13. *US and Canadian* a slang word for [condom](#)

[C13: from Old French *salf*, from Latin *salvus*; related to Latin *salus* safety]

'safely adv

'safeness n

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safe (seɪf)

adj. saf·er, saf·est,

n. adj.

1. offering security from harm or danger: *a safe haven.*
2. free from injury or risk: *arrived safe and sound.*
3. reasonably accurate: *a safe estimate.*

4. dependable; trustworthy: *a safe guide*.
5. careful to avoid danger or controversy: *a safe player*.
6. securely confined: *a criminal safe in jail*.
7. *Baseball*. reaching base without being put out.

*n.*

8. a steel or iron box or repository for valuable items.
9. *Slang*. **condom**.

[1250–1300; (adj.) Middle English *sauf*, *saf* < Anglo-French *saf*, Old French *sauf* < Latin *salvus* intact, whole; (n.) late Middle English *save*, orig. derivative of **save**<sup>1</sup>, assimilated to the adj.]

**safe**'ly, *adv.*

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**safe** , **secure** - Safe and secure, now nearly synonymous, used to be more different; secure was subjective—man's own sense of the absence of danger—while safe was objective, the fact of such absence of danger.

See also related terms for **objective**.

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**Safe** of ducks: a sore of ducks; two ducks. See also **sord**.

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**safe** – **secure**

#### 1. 'safe'

**Safe** /seɪf/ as an adjective has two main meanings.

If someone is **safe**, they are not in danger or cannot be harmed.

*We're safe now. They've gone.*

*Thank goodness the children are safe.*

#### Be Careful!

When **safe** is used to describe people, it is never used in front of a noun. Don't say, for example, 'the safe children'.

You can say that you are **safe from** something or someone to mean that you cannot be harmed by them.

*They want to keep their families safe from crime.*

*She realised with relief that she was safe from him now.*

You can also say that something is **safe** to mean that it is not dangerous or risky.

*Is the water safe to drink?*

*You should always keep your passport in a safe place.*

#### 2. 'secure'

Something that is **secure** is protected so that nobody can get into it, steal it, or commit a crime involving it.

*The hotel has 24-hour secure parking.*

*A secure password should contain a mixture of numbers, symbols, and letters.*

You can also use **secure** to talk about a feeling of confidence that something is likely to continue or succeed.

*To enjoy life you have to be financially secure.*

*The new job offered him a more secure future.*

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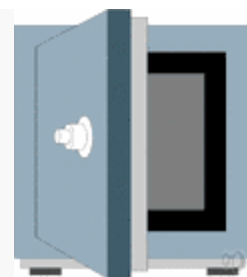
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**Noun** 1. **safe** - strongbox where valuables can be safely kept

↔ **deedbox**, **strongbox** - a strongly made box for holding money or valuables; can be locked



2. **safe** - a ventilated or refrigerated cupboard for securing provisions from pests

↔ **closet, cupboard** - a small room (or recess) or cabinet used for storage space

↔ **meat safe** - a safe for storing meat

3. **safe** - contraceptive device consisting of a sheath of thin rubber or latex that is worn over the penis during intercourse

≡ **condom, prophylactic, rubber, safety**

↔ **birth control device, contraceptive, contraceptive device, prophylactic device, preventative, preventive** - an agent or device intended to prevent conception



Adj. 1. **safe** - free from danger or the risk of harm; "a safe trip"; "you will be safe here"; "a safe place"; "a safe bet"

↔ **harmless** - not causing or capable of causing harm; "harmless bacteria"; "rendered the bomb harmless"

↔ **uninjured** - not injured physically or mentally

↔ **secure** - free from danger or risk; "secure from harm"; "his fortune was secure"; "made a secure place for himself in his field"

↔ **invulnerable** - immune to attack; impregnable; "gunners raked the beach from invulnerable positions on the cliffs"

≠ **dangerous, unsafe** - involving or causing danger or risk; liable to hurt or harm; "a dangerous criminal"; "a dangerous bridge"; "unemployment reached dangerous proportions"

2. **safe** - (of an undertaking) secure from risk

↔ **unadventurous** - lacking in boldness

3. **safe** - having reached a base without being put out; "the runner was called safe when the baseman dropped the ball"

↔ **baseball, baseball game** - a ball game played with a bat and ball between two teams of nine players; teams take turns at bat trying to score runs; "he played baseball in high school"; "there was a baseball game on every empty lot"; "there was a desire for National League ball in the area"; "play ball!"

≠ **out** - not allowed to continue to bat or run; "he was tagged out at second on a close play"; "he fanned out"

4. **safe** - financially sound; "a good investment"; "a secure investment"

≡ **dependable, secure, good**

↔ **sound** - financially secure and safe; "sound investments"; "a sound economy"

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## safe

adjective

1. ≡ **protected, secure, in safety, impregnable, out of danger, safe and sound, in safe hands, out of harm's way, free from harm** *Keep your camera safe from sand.*

**protected** ≠ **damaged, threatened, at risk, endangered, insecure, jeopardized, put at risk, imperilled, put in danger**

2. ≡ **all right, fine, intact, unscathed, unhurt, unharmed, undamaged, out of the woods, O.K. or okay (informal)** *Where is Sophie? Is she safe?*

3. ≡ **cautious, prudent, sure, conservative, reliable, realistic, discreet, dependable, trustworthy, circumspect, on the safe side, unadventurous, tried and true** *I shall conceal myself at a safe distance from the battlefield.*

**cautious** ≠ **risky, reckless, unsafe, imprudent, incautious**

4. ≡ **risk-free, sound, secure, certain, impregnable, riskless** *We are assured by our engineers that the building is safe.*

5. ≡ **boring, routine, dull, old, dead, flat, tiring, tedious, stale, tiresome, monotonous, humdrum, uninteresting, insipid, mind-numbing, unexciting, ho-hum (informal), repetitious, wearisome, unvaried** *Rock 'n' roll has become so commercialised and safe.*

6. ≡ **harmless, wholesome, innocuous, pure, tame, unpolluted, nontoxic, nonpoisonous** *a clean, inexpensive and safe fuel*

**harmless** ≠ **dangerous, harmful, hazardous, unsafe, hurtful, pernicious, noxious, injurious, baneful**

noun

1. **strongbox, vault, coffer, repository, deposit box, safe-deposit box, strongroom** *The files are now in a safe.*  
**be on the safe side** **be cautious, be careful, be prudent, be alert, be tentative, be circumspect, be judicious, be heedful** *Let's say two-thirty to be on the safe side.*

#### Proverbs

"Better safe than sorry"

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## safe *adjective*

1. Free from danger, injury, or the threat of harm:

**unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, unscathed.**

**Idiom: safe and sound.**

2. Affording protection:

**secure.**

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## Translations

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seguro

caja de caudales

caja fuerte

digno de confianza

salvo

## safe [seɪf]

A. ADJ (safer (*compar*) (safest (*superl*)))

1. (= *not in danger*) [*person*] → a salvo, **seguro**; [*object*] → **seguro**

*you'll be safe here* → **aquí** no **correrás peligro** → **aquí** estarás a salvo

*your pearls will be quite safe in the bank* → tus **perlas** estarán **totalmente seguras en el banco**

**to feel safe** → **sentirse seguro**

**to be safe from** [+ *attack, predator, sarcasm*] → **estar a salvo** de; [+ *contamination*] → estar **libre** de

**to keep sth safe** → **guardar** algo (en lugar seguro)

*I'll keep it safe for you* → yo te lo **guardo**

*where can I put this to keep it safe?* → ¿dónde puedo **poner** esto **para que** esté **seguro**?

**the secret is safe with me** → **guardaré** el **secreto**

*the documents are safe with him* → **cuidará** bien **de los documentos**, **con él** los **documentos** están **en buenas manos**

**safe and sound** → **sano** y **salvo**

**as safe as houses** → **completamente seguro**

**better safe than sorry** → **más vale prevenir** que **curar**

2. (= *not dangerous*) [*ladder, load, vehicle, option*] → **seguro**; [*method, handling*] → **seguro, fiable**; [*structure, bridge*] → **sólido**; [*investment*] → **seguro**, sin **riesgo**; [*level*] → que no **entraña riesgo**

*the safe disposal of hazardous wastes* → la **eliminación** sin **riesgos** de **residuos peligrosos**

*is nuclear power safe?* → ¿es **segura** la **energía nuclear**?

*these stairs are not very safe* → esta **escalera** no es **muy segura**

*don't walk on the ice, it isn't safe* → no andes por el **hielo**, es **peligroso**

*keep your alcohol consumption within safe limits* → **mantén** tu **consumo** de **alcohol dentro de los límites de seguridad**

*it's not safe to go out after dark* → es **peligroso salir de noche**

*it's safe to eat* → **se puede comer** sin **peligro**

*it's safe to say that* → **se puede decir** sin **miedo** a **equivocarse** que ...

*it's safe to assume that* → cabe **suponer** con bastante **seguridad** que ...

*it might be safer to wait* → puede que sea **mejor esperar**

**it is a safe assumption that she was very disappointed** → a **buen seguro** que estaba **muy decepcionada**

**it's a safe bet!** → ¡es **cosa segura**!

**to keep a safe distance from sth** → **mantenerse** a una **distancia prudencial** de algo; (*when driving*) → **mantener** la **distancia de seguridad** con algo

*to follow sb at a safe distance* → **seguir** a algn **manteniendo** cierta **distancia**

**to be a safe driver** → **conducir** con **prudencia** or **con cuidado**

**a team of experts made the building safe** → un **equipo** de **expertos** se **ocupó de que** el **edificio** no **constituyese** un **peligro**

**a safe margin** → un **margen de seguridad**

**just to be on the safe side** → para **mayor seguridad**, por **si acaso**

**the safest thing is to** → **lo más seguro** es + *infin*

**he's safe with children** [*man*] → es de **fiar** con los **niños**; [*dog*] → no es un **peligro** para los **niños**

**3.** (= *secure*) [*environment, neighbourhood, harbour*] → **seguro**

**to be in safe hands** → **estar a salvo**, estar **en buenas manos**

**to keep sth in a safe place** → **guardar** algo en un **lugar seguro**

**a safe pair of hands** (*Brit*) → una **persona competente**

**4.** (= *trouble-free*) [*arrival, delivery*] → **sin problemas**; [*landing*] → sin **riesgo**, sin **peligro**

**safe journey!** → ¡**buen viaje!**

*have a safe journey home!* → ¡que **llegues** bien (a casa)!

**safe passage** → **paso m franco**, **libre tránsito m**

**the safe return of the hostages** → la **vuelta de los rehenes sanos y salvos**

**B.** *N* (*for valuables*) → **caja f fuerte**; (*for meat*) → **fresquera f**

**C.** *ADV*

**to play (it) safe** → **ir a lo seguro**, no **arriesgarse**

**D.** *CPD safe deposit N* (= *vault*) → **cámara f acorazada**; (= *box*) (*also safe deposit box*) → **caja f fuerte**, **caja f de seguridad**

**safe haven N** → **refugio m seguro**

**safe house N** → **piso m franco**

**the safe period N** (*Med*) → el **periodo** de **infertilidad**

**safe seat N** (*esp Brit*) (*Pol*) *it was a safe Conservative seat* → era un **escaño prácticamente seguro** para los **conservadores**, el **escaño** estaba **prácticamente asegurado** para los **conservadores**

**safe sex N** → **sexo m seguro** or sin **riesgo**

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## safe<sup>1</sup> (seif) adjective

**1.** (*negative unsafe*) protected, or free (from danger etc). *The children are safe from danger in the garden.* **seguro**

**2.** providing good protection. *You should keep your money in a safe place.* **seguro**

**3.** unharmed. *The missing child has been found safe and well.* **salvo**

**4.** not likely to cause harm. *These pills are safe for children.* **seguro**

**5.** (of a person) reliable. *a safe driver; He's a very fast driver but he's safe enough.* **cauteloso, fiable**

'**safeness** *noun*

**seguridad**

'**safely** *adverb*

without harm or risk. *He got home safely.* **seguramente, sin peligro, sin accidente**

'**safety** *noun*

the state of being safe. *I worry about the children's safety on these busy roads; a place of safety; (also adjective) safety goggles; safety helmet.* **seguridad**

'**safeguard** *noun*

anything that gives security or protection. *a safeguard against burglary.* **salvaguardia, protección, garantía**

*verb*

to protect. *Put a good lock on your door to safeguard your property.* **salvaguardar, proteger; defender**

'**safety-belt** *noun*

a fixed belt in a car or aircraft used to keep a passenger from being thrown out of the seat in an accident, crash etc.

**cinturón de seguridad**

**safety lamp**

a type of lamp used in mines that does not set fire to any inflammable gases there. **lámpara de seguridad**

'**safety measures** *noun plural*

*They took safety measures to prevent another accident.* **medidas de seguridad**

'**safety-pin** *noun*

a pin that has a cover over its point when it is closed. **imperdible**

**safety valve**

a valve eg on a pressure cooker that opens if the pressure of the steam in it becomes too great. **válvula de seguridad**

**be on the safe side**

to avoid risk or danger. *I'll lock the door just to be on the safe side.* **por precaución, para mayor seguridad**

**safe and sound**

unharmed. *He returned safe and sound.* **sano y salvo**

## safe<sup>2</sup> (seif) noun

a heavy metal chest or box in which money etc can be locked away safely. *There is a small safe hidden behind that picture on the wall.* **caja de caudales**

safe → [caja fuerte](#) , [seguro](#) 

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*a.* seguro-a, sin peligro; sin riesgo;

*adv.* seguramente; sin peligro;

\_\_\_ **period** → período de menos probabilidad de concepción.

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- *I'd like to put my jewelry in the safe* (US)  
*I would like to put my jewellery in the safe* (UK) → [Quisiera poner las joyas en la caja fuerte](#)
- *I'd like to put my valuables in the safe* → [Quisiera poner en la caja fuerte mis pertenencias de valor](#)
- *Put that in the safe, please* → [Por favor, ponga esto en la caja fuerte](#)
- *I have some things in the safe* → [Tengo algunas pertenencias en la caja fuerte](#)
- *Is it safe to swim here?* → [¿Es seguro nadar aquí?](#)
- *Is it safe for children?* → [¿Se le puede administrar a los niños?](#)

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safe *adj* seguro, sin riesgo


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