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My older daughter sucked her thumb. She did so until she was six. My younger daughter had a love affair with her bottles and pacifiers until she was six. Both girls gave up their security rituals on their own, in their own time and when they were ready to give them up. This is not to say that it didn't distress me to see their teeth protruding and to know that orthodontic bills loomed large in our future. I just couldn't do it to them ... couldn't take away something that was so important to their feelings of security and their self-enforced methods of soothing the savage.

I think, of the three horrors above, the bottle was the worst. I did take bottles away from my older daughter when she was three. It wasn't so traumatic. She wanted a bottle for a few nights but knew she had to give them up for the sake of her teeth and complied. My younger daughter absolutely refused to give the bottle the boot from her life until only recently. Her two front permanent teeth, which had come in early, were turning gray. As soon as she stopped drinking a nightly bottle, her teeth began to whiten on their own. Mind you, I did not force her to give up the dreaded baba. She decided, out of the blue, to give it up on her own. A few nights of tears and trauma later, she had overcome her habit and was on her way to falling asleep with only a few dozen pacifiers littering her bed. Shortly thereafter, the pacifiers were history, too. Since the decision was hers, I didn't feel guilt over refusing her request to change her mind.

Know this parents ... your kids are not going to start high school sucking on their thumbs, a pacifier or bottle. They might still have a shred of their old security blanket, a severely damaged favorite stuffed toy or a doll that has seen the better side of new but they will move on and grow up without these babyish soothers.

Kids have a need to ensure some control over their powerless environment. Think about how little say they have in anything that happens to or for them. They're subjected to painful shots as infants and toddlers (among countless other horrors) that they no more understand than you and I understand genocidal murder and torture in third world countries. They have a little mastery over soothing themselves with a pacifier, a bottle or their thumb and then, bam! They're forced to give up something that comforts them. We can justify this by arguing that it's for their own good. Yes, it is, but there are

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many restrictions and limitations we plant on them that are a lot more important than taking away a relatively harmless habit.

I'm sure I'll hear plenty of differing opinions. I might even hear from an orthodontist or two. Could be I'll hear from a parent who swears their child has a deformed jaw from over-sucking something. Ya know what? I think if kids are going to have a malformed jaw or crooked teeth, they're going to have these problems whether or not they suck a thumb or pacifier. The way I see it is that both my daughters' father and myself had teeth that needed a lot of correction. Our kids were naturally prone to crooked teeth and would need orthodontia anyway. They both do, by the way and would have needed it with or without help.

I'm a softy. I give my kids way too much leeway when it comes to enforcing certain behavioral rules. I

have a hard time telling my girls that I know better when, in fact, I'm not really sure on a particular issue. They are getting away with murder, I suspect! But, seriously, I have a harder time denying them something I feel is basically harmless and will go away on its own. Much the same as my philosophy on potty training, or not potty training as is my belief. Let them alone. Let them cling to the little things. Let them have an inch of comfort in an uncomfortable world and an ounce of power in a powerless existence. And if your child doesn't suck something from infancy on, consider yourself lucky! ;-)

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Home Security Yard Sign. Convincing A Potential Burglar That Your House Is Protected.

By Ralph Winn

A security system offers the the best protection against burglary and vandalism. When a potential burglar or vandalizing teenagers know you have a security system, they often pass over your home or business and move on to another. A security yard sign alerts a burglar or ne'er-do-well that you have a security system. Or, if a security system isn't in your budget or you don't want to deal with the installation process, a security yard sign placed in your front yard makes potential intruders believe you do.

How Does a Security Yard Sign Work?

Convincing a potential burglar or neighborhood hoodlum that your house or business is protected with a security system or video surveillance can stave off an impending burglary or vandalism to your property. Whether or not you actually have a security system, one glimpse of a security yard sign often scares a thief away. Why would he break into or damage your home or business when there is a more vulnerable house or business down the street?

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Where Should You Place Your Security Yard Sign?

Effectively scare away anyone wanting to harm you or your property with a strategically placed and clearly visible security yard sign. The key to the effectiveness of a security yard sign depends on the placement. The following areas are ideal for a security yard sign: All exterior doors, Curb next to driveway, Flower beds and Garage door.

Homes and businesses that can be broken into or vandalized without interruption are a much safer bet for criminals. Advertising the presence of a security system or security cameras makes them believe your home or business isn't a good target.

Inform potential criminals that they are being watch or recorded or that the police will be alerted if they try to burglarize or vandalize your home or business. Choose a security yard sign from the many different types, brands, and sizes.

In addition to placing a security yard sign on your property, you can implement other low-cost home security items, such as dummy cameras and alarm decals. A home security yard sign is an inexpensive alternative to protect your home.

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