

Need another word that means the same as “protective”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “protective” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Protective” are: preservative, protecting, defensive, precautionary, preventive, preventative, covering, solicitous, caring, mindful, careful, wary, watchful, vigilant, warm, maternal, paternal, fatherly, motherly, gallant, chivalrous**

## Protective as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Protective" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “protective” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Relating to the protection of domestic industries from foreign competition.*
- *Showing care.*
- *Intended or adapted to afford protection of some kind.*
- *Having or showing a strong wish to protect someone or something.*
- *Solicitously caring or mindful.*
- *Intended to protect someone or something.*
- *(usually followed by `of) solicitously caring or mindful.*



## Synonyms of "Protective" as an adjective (21 Words)

### careful

Full of cares or anxiety-Luke 10.41.

***Careful** about one's behavior.*

### caring

Feeling and exhibiting concern and empathy for others.

*A **caring** and invaluable friend.*

### chivalrous

Courteous and gallant, especially towards women (typically used of a man or his behaviour).

*The concept of **chivalrous** combat.*

### covering

(of shooting) carried out to protect an exposed person from an enemy.

*We retreated behind spurts of **covering** fire.*

### defensive

Used or intended to defend or protect.

*A poor **defensive** record.*

### fatherly

Like or befitting a father or fatherhood; kind and protective.

*He gave me such a kind and **fatherly** look.*

<b><u>gallant</u></b>	Lively and spirited. <i>Put up a <b>gallant</b> resistance to the attackers.</i>
<b>maternal</b>	Related through the mother's side of the family. <b>Maternal</b> care.
<b><u>mindful</u></b>	Focusing one's awareness on the present moment, especially as part of a therapeutic or meditative technique. <i>The judge said that he was not <b>mindful</b> to postpone the eviction again.</i>
<b><u>motherly</u></b>	Of, resembling, or characteristic of a mother, especially in being caring, protective, and kind. <i>She held both her arms wide in a gesture of <b>motherly</b> love.</i>
<b>paternal</b>	Characteristic of a father. <i>His father and <b>paternal</b> grandfather were porcelain painters.</i>
<b>precautionary</b>	Carried out as a precaution; preventive. <i>I would take <b>precautionary</b> steps to keep him away.</i>
<b>preservative</b>	Tending or having the power to preserve. <i>The <b>preservative</b> effects of freezing.</i>
<b>preventative</b>	Tending to prevent or hinder. <b>Preventative</b> medicine.
<b>preventive</b>	Preventing or contributing to the prevention of disease. <b>Preventive</b> medicine.
<b>protecting</b>	Shielding (or designed to shield) against harm or discomfort. <i>The <b>protecting</b> blanket of snow.</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	Characterized by or showing interest or concern. <i>A <b>solicitous</b> enquiry.</i>
<b>vigilant</b>	Keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties. <i>The burglar was spotted by <b>vigilant</b> neighbours.</i>
<b>warm</b>	Having or displaying warmth or affection. <i>A <b>warm</b> winter coat.</i>
<b>wary</b>	Feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems. <i>Dogs which have been mistreated often remain very <b>wary</b> of strangers.</i>
<b>watchful</b>	Watching someone or something closely; alert and vigilant. <i>Twenty <b>watchful</b> weary tedious nights.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Protective" as an adjective

- *Kept the drunken sailor in protective custody.*
- *A protective covering.*
- *Protective coatings.*
- *A protective mother.*
- *Protective gloves are worn to minimize injury.*
- *I felt protective towards her.*
- *Protective of his reputation.*
- *Animals with protective coloring.*
- *As adults we are naturally protective of children.*
- *The use of protective masks and equipment.*
- *Protective tariffs.*



## Associations of "Protective" (30 Words)

<b>angel</b>	A former English coin minted between the reigns of Edward IV and Charles I and bearing the figure of the archangel Michael killing a dragon. <i>I miss you too <b>angel</b>.</i>
<b>aseptic</b>	Free of or using methods to keep free of pathological microorganisms. <i><b>Aseptic</b> surgical techniques.</i>
<b>contraceptive</b>	(of a method or device) serving to prevent pregnancy. <i>The <b>contraceptive</b> pill.</i>
<b>defence</b>	The action of defending from or resisting attack. <i>He spoke in <b>defence</b> of a disciplined approach.</i>
<b><u>defensive</u></b>	An attitude of defensiveness especially in the phrase on the defensive. <i><b>Defensive</b> weapons.</i>
<b>disinfectant</b>	A chemical liquid that destroys bacteria. <i>A cat won't use its litter box if it's cleaned with smelly <b>disinfectants</b>.</i>



<b>enclosure</b>	An area that is surrounded by a barrier. <i>One of the chief effects of <b>enclosure</b> was to increase the number of landless workers.</i>
<b>fortification</b>	Defensive structure consisting of walls or mounds built around a stronghold to strengthen it. <i>The building and maintenance of <b>fortifications</b>.</i>
<b>fungicide</b>	A chemical that destroys fungus. <i>Cut away any rotten parts before dusting with <b>fungicide</b>.</i>
<b>guard</b>	The person who plays the position of guard on a basketball team. <i>An insurance policy is a good safe<b>guard</b>.</i>
<b><u>guardian</u></b>	A person who is legally responsible for the care of someone who is unable to manage their own affairs, especially a child whose parents have died. <i>Self appointed <b>guardians</b> of public morality.</i>
<b>helmet</b>	A hard or padded protective hat, various types of which are worn by soldiers, police officers, motorcyclists, sports players, and others.
<b>herbicide</b>	A chemical agent that destroys plants or inhibits their growth. <i>Farmers sprayed a protected wildflower meadow with <b>herbicide</b>.</i>
<b>hinderance</b>	The act of hindering or obstructing or impeding.
<b>insecticide</b>	A chemical used to kill insects. <i>The timber can be treated with <b>insecticide</b>.</i>
<b>munition</b>	Military weapons ammunition equipment and stores. <i>It never had the defence industry necessary to equip or <b>munition</b> its forces.</i>
<b>pesticide</b>	A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals.
<b>preclusive</b>	Preventing something from happening; restrictive. <i>No <b>preclusive</b> action was taken.</i>
<b><u>preemptive</u></b>	Designed or having the power to deter or prevent an anticipated situation or occurrence. <i>A <b>preemptive</b> business offer.</i>
<b>preservative</b>	Acting to preserve something. <i>Timbers should be treated with a <b>preservative</b> substance.</i>
<b>prevent</b>	Stop (someone) from doing something. <i>We must <b>prevent</b> the cancer from spreading.</i>
<b>preventive</b>	Remedy that prevents or slows the course of an illness or disease. <i><b>Preventive</b> medicine.</i>
<b>prohibitory</b>	Tending to discourage (especially of prices).

<b>prophylactic</b>	A medicine or course of action used to prevent disease. <i>I took malaria <b>prophylactics</b>.</i>
<b><u>protector</u></b>	The title of the head of state in England during the later period of the Commonwealth between 1653 and 1659, first Oliver Cromwell (1653–8), then his son Richard (1658–9). <i>A man who became her <b>protector</b> adviser and friend.</i>
<b>safe</b>	Strongbox where valuables can be safely kept. <i>Eggs remain in the damp sand <b>safe</b> from marine predators.</i>
<b>sweetener</b>	A substance used to sweeten food or drink, especially one other than sugar. <i>A <b>sweetener</b> may persuade them to sell.</i>
<b>tutelar</b>	Providing protective supervision; watching over or safeguarding. <i><b>Tutelary</b> gods.</i>
<b>tutelary</b>	Serving as a protector, guardian, or patron. <i><b>Tutelary</b> gods.</i>

