

Safety Plays

Safety plays are answers to the Questions (1) Is there a fool proof way of avoiding the number of losers I can't afford; (2) If there is no fool proof way of avoiding too many losers, what is my best chance of avoiding them?

1	KQ1052	A976	Start with K – can then pick up Jxxx on either side
2	KQ1052	A764	Start with K then play to the Ace – can then pick up J9xx on hand sitting before KQ10. You can't pick up J9xx on the other hand.
3	Q9643	AJ852	Need 5 tricks - play Q and run it – protects against opponent on the right having K107
4	Q9653	A10852	Need (a) 5 tricks - play A hope to drop singleton K over the Q (b) need 4 tricks - play low card towards A and cover whatever card is played: picks up KJx in either hand
5	KJ852	107643	Need 4 tricks – play low card and finesse the Jack – better than playing the King as opponent sitting before the K may have AQ9
6	AQ1064	7532	Need (a) 5 tricks - finesse the Queen] (b) 4 tricks - start with the Ace then play to the Queen
7	AK742	10853	Need (a) 5 tricks -play AK (b) 4 tricks - small to AK and play the 7 if hand sitting before the AK plays the 6 - protects against that hand having QJ96
8	Q84	A107532	Need 6 tricks - play the Queen hoping it is covered by the King and you drop singleton Jack – then you can later finesse against the 9
9	104	AQ76532	Need (a) 6 tricks -Finesse the Queen. (b) Need 5 tricks play the Ace and then lead to the Queen. (c) Need 4 tricks play small to the 10
10	K832	A10764	Avoid loss of 2 tricks - small to the King – if opponent plays an honour in front of the King, finesse the 10
11	AK4	987652	Need 5 tricks - lead the 2 and cover with the 4 if opponent sitting before the AK4 plays the 3 – protects against that opponent having QJ103

12	KJ762	Q853	minimise chances of losing 2 tricks - lead the Queen – protects against opponent sitting before the KJ762 having all 4 missing cards
13	AQ1042	653	minimise chances of losing 2 tricks -finesse the Queen
14	A7	K108642	Need 5 tricks - lead the 10 and cover with the Ace if opponent plays an honour: then run the 7
15	97432	AK6	Need 4 tricks - run the 9 – only chance is to find singleton 8
16	A1052	KJ73	Need 4 tricks - lead Ace and then run the 10 – protects against opponent sitting over the KJ73 having singleton 8/9
17	AJ54	7632	Need 2 tricks -play Ace to guard against singleton honour in hand sitting over the AJ – if no honour appears play to the Jack
18	AKJ7542	63	To make 6 tricks, If no entries to long suit play low from both hands – can then pick up Q1098 sitting before AKJ7542
19	AKQ1064	32	To make 5 tricks, If no entries to long suit play low from both hands – can then pick up J9875 sitting before AKQ1064
20	AQJ62	73	To make 3 tricks with only one other entry to long suit, play low from both hands, then finesse Q or J second time – protects against person sitting over AQJ62 with K10xx ducking first round finesse of Q or J