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Title: **Safe**



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## Information

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Origin: United States

Genre: Action, Crime, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 15

Duration: 1h 34m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, Mandarin, Russian

Filming locations: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

Sound mix: Dolby Digital, Datasat

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Boaz Yakin
Written by	Boaz Yakin
Produced by	Lawrence Bender Dana Brunetti Joseph Zolfo
Starring	Jason Statham
Cinematography	Stefan Czapsky
Edited by	Frederic Thoraval
Music by	Mark Mothersbaugh
Production companies	IM Global Lawrence Bender Productions Trigger Street Productions Automatik <sup>[1]</sup> 87Eleven Productions <sup>[1]</sup>
Distributed by	Lionsgate
Release date	April 27, 2012
Running time	95 minutes
Country	United States
Languages	English Mandarin Russian
Budget	\$30 million
Box office	\$40.6 million <sup>[2]</sup>

# Storyline

Ex-cop and cage fighter Luke Wright unintentionally wins a fixed fight, angering Emile Docheski, head of the Russian mafia. As punishment, Docheski's son Vassily and his men kill Wright's pregnant wife, then promise to kill anyone to whom he speaks regularly. Luke leaves his life behind, becoming a homeless tramp. Meanwhile, in China, Mei, a young mathematical prodigy, is kidnapped by men working for Triad boss Han Jiao. Han wishes to use Mei as a mental calculator to eliminate his criminal enterprise's traceable digital footprint. He sends her to New York City, in the care of brutal gangster Quan Chang.

One year later, Han arrives from China, asking Mei to memorize a long number. On the way to retrieve a second number, their vehicle is ambushed by the Russian mafia. Mei is taken to Emile, who demands the number, but Mei refuses. Before they can further interrogate her, they are interrupted by police, sent by the corrupt Captain Wolf, who works for Han. Mei escapes during the confusion, chased by the Russians to a nearby subway station, where Luke contemplates suicide. Recognizing Chemyakin, one of the men who killed his wife, and seeing Mei's distress, Luke boards the train and kills Chemyakin and the other Russians. Mei flees at the next stop, only to be stopped by two corrupt detectives working for Wolf. Luke arrives and incapacitates the detectives, convincing Mei of his good intentions, before he also dispatches some Russians.

Hiding in a hotel, Mei explains the number to Luke, who guesses that it is the code to a combination safe. However, Quan tracks Mei down through her cell phone and escapes with her during a diversion, as Luke fights through Quan's men. Across town, Captain Wolf meets with Mayor Danny Tremello, who has learned that Luke is involved. He cautions Wolf, explaining that Luke wasn't a regular cop, but a black ops hitman for the government loaned as a favour to Tremello by friends in the CIA shortly after 9/11, along with his former partner Alex Rosen. Luke and Alex assassinated several crime bosses as an effort to impose order, and Luke quit after exposing Wolf's detective squad as dirty cops. Luke is living a life of exile as atonement for the things he did for the government.

Using Chemyakin's phone, Luke sets up Vassily, whom he kidnaps. Emile reluctantly accepts a deal for his son's life, explaining that Mei's number unlocks a heavily guarded safe in Chinatown with \$30 million, though he does not know the contents of a second safe. Needing a team to get to the safe, Luke recruits Wolf and his detectives. Together, they fight through numerous Triad gangsters to reach the safe. As Luke is about to open it, Wolf attempts to betray him, but Luke kills the remaining detectives and takes Wolf hostage. Using the money, Luke bribes Alex, now the mayor's aide and boyfriend, into rescuing Mei. Alex reveals the second safe belongs to the mayor, containing a disc with data on every crime syndicate in New York. Alex meets and kills Quan and his men as Mei watches. Elsewhere, Luke assaults the mayor and retrieves a copy of the mayor's disc.

Alex and Luke arrange a meeting, but Luke refuses to surrender the money, instead suggesting that they settle it with a fight. Before they can begin, Mei shoots Alex, wounding him, and Luke finishes him off. In the aftermath, Luke gives Wolf \$50,000 and instructs him to return Vassily to his father, unharmed. He sends the remainder of the money to Han to buy Mei's freedom, threatening to ruin Han's operations should Han try to recover Mei. Han leaves New York City in disgust, as Luke hides multiple copies of the disc throughout the city. Luke and Mei make plans to leave the city and head west, possibly to Seattle. When Mei asks if they are finally safe, Luke responds that they will take it one day at a time.

# Cast

Jason Statham as Luke Wright, an ex-NYPD cop, MMA fighter, secretly a government assassin

Catherine Chan as Mei, a young Chinese math prodigy

Robert John Burke as Captain Wolf, a corrupt NYPD captain who is a former colleague of Luke Wright

Chris Sarandon as Mayor Tremello, the only person who knows the secrets related to Luke Wright

Anson Mount as Alex Rosen, a former squad mate of Luke Wright's who, like him, is also a government assassin.

James Hong as Han Jiao, dragonhead of the Chinese Triad in New York

Reggie Lee as Quan Chang, a violent high-ranking member of the Han Jiao Triad

Sándor Técsy as Emile Docheski, boss of the Russian Mafia in New York City and archenemy of Luke Wright

Joseph Sikora as Vassily Docheski, a lieutenant within his father's Russian Mafia

Danny Hoch as Julius Borkow, one of Luke Wright's corrupt former NYPD colleagues

Matt O'Toole as Detective Lasky

**Parents Guide**

Argentina:16 Australia:MA15+ Brazil:16 (video rating) Canada:14A (Ontario) Canada:13+ (Québec, Violence)  
Chile:14 Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics (with warning) Germany:18 Greece:K-16 Hungary:16 Ireland:16 Israel:16  
Italy:T (DVD) Japan:R15+ Malaysia:18 Mexico:B15 Netherlands:16 New Zealand:R16 Norway:15 (2012, cinema  
rating) Philippines:R-13 Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/16 Russia:16+ Singapore:NC-16 South Korea:18  
Spain:18 (ICAA) Sweden:15 Taiwan:R-12 Turkey:13+ United Kingdom:15 United States:R (certificate #46868)  
Ukraine:16

Sex & Nudity

None

Violence & Gore

Severe

Profanity

Severe

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate

MPAA Rated R for strong violence throughout, and for language

