

# Package ‘safejoin’

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**Title** Perform ``Safe" Table Joins

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**Description** The goal of 'safejoin' is to guarantee that when performing joins extra rows are not added to your data. 'safejoin' provides a wrapper around 'dplyr::left\_join' that will raise an error when extra rows are unexpectedly added to your data. This can be useful when working with data where you expect there to be a many to one relationship but you are not certain the relationship holds.

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## Description

**[Deprecated]** Perform a "safe" left join where it is guaranteed that no additional rows are added to the left hand side table. For more information on left joins see (`dplyr::left_join`).

## Usage

```
safe_left_join(..., action = "error", relationship = " *:1 ")
```

## Arguments

- ... Arguments passed on to `dplyr::left_join`
- `x, y` A pair of data frames, data frame extensions (e.g. a tibble), or lazy data frames (e.g. from `dbplyr` or `dtplyr`). See *Methods*, below, for more details.
- `by` A join specification created with `join_by()`, or a character vector of variables to join by.
  - If `NULL`, the default, `*_join()` will perform a natural join, using all variables in common across `x` and `y`. A message lists the variables so that you can check they're correct; suppress the message by supplying `by` explicitly.
  - To join on different variables between `x` and `y`, use a `join_by()` specification. For example, `join_by(a == b)` will match `x$a` to `y$b`.
  - To join by multiple variables, use a `join_by()` specification with multiple expressions. For example, `join_by(a == b, c == d)` will match `x$a` to `y$b` and `x$c` to `y$d`. If the column names are the same between `x` and `y`, you can shorten this by listing only the variable names, like `join_by(a, c)`.
  - `join_by()` can also be used to perform inequality, rolling, and overlap joins. See the documentation at `?join_by` for details on these types of joins.
  - For simple equality joins, you can alternatively specify a character vector of variable names to join by. For example, `by = c("a", "b")` joins `x$a` to `y$a` and `x$b` to `y$b`. If variable names differ between `x` and `y`, use a named character vector like `by = c("x_a" = "y_a", "x_b" = "y_b")`.
  - To perform a cross-join, generating all combinations of `x` and `y`, see `cross_join()`.
- `copy` If `x` and `y` are not from the same data source, and `copy` is `TRUE`, then `y` will be copied into the same `src` as `x`. This allows you to join tables across `srcs`, but it is a potentially expensive operation so you must opt into it.
- `suffix` If there are non-joined duplicate variables in `x` and `y`, these suffixes will be added to the output to disambiguate them. Should be a character vector of length 2.
- `keep` Should the join keys from both `x` and `y` be preserved in the output?
  - If `NULL`, the default, joins on equality retain only the keys from `x`, while joins on inequality retain the keys from both inputs.
  - If `TRUE`, all keys from both inputs are retained.

- If FALSE, only keys from x are retained. For right and full joins, the data in key columns corresponding to rows that only exist in y are merged into the key columns from x. Can't be used when joining on inequality conditions.

action	What should happen when the number of rows changes from a join? Options include: 'error', 'warning', or 'message'. By default 'error'.
relationship	What is the expected relationship between x and y? At this time the only available option is '*:1', indicating a many to one relationship between x and y. In the future more options may be added.

## Value

An object of the same type as x. The order of the rows and columns of x is preserved as much as possible. The output has the following properties:

## Examples

```
# The relationship between `x` and `y` is `*:1`. No extra rows will be added
# to the left hand side.
x <- data.frame(key = c("a", "a", "b"), value_x = c(1, 4, 2))
y <- data.frame(key = c("a", "b"), value_y = c(1, 1))
safe_left_join(x, y)

# The relationship between `x` and `y` is `1:*`. An error should be raised
# because additional rows will be added to the left hand side.
## Not run: x <- data.frame(key = c("a", "b"), value_x = c(1, 2))
y <- data.frame(key = c("a", "a"), value_y = c(1, 1))
safe_left_join(x, y)
## End(Not run)

# Alternatively instead of raising an error a warning or message can be
# outputted.
x <- data.frame(key = c("a", "b"), value_x = c(1, 2))
y <- data.frame(key = c("a", "a"), value_y = c(1, 1))
safe_left_join(x, y, action = "warning")
safe_left_join(x, y, action = "message")
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