

DOMAIN 2: MOTOR DEVELOPMENT, PHYSICAL WELL-BEING, AND HEALTH

SUB-DOMAIN: HEALTH

SAFE PRACTICES

GOAL 25: CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AND AVOID HARMFUL OBJECTS AND SITUATIONS.

Age Range	Developmental Growth	Child Indicators	Caregiver Strategies
36 to 60 Months	Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of harmful objects and situations and respond to the danger, with and without assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communicates to peers and adults when seeing dangerous behaviors such as someone throwing rocks on the playground. ▪ Recognizes dangerous objects and areas, when taught about the danger. Can tell about the danger, but cannot be relied upon to avoid the area or objects. ▪ Realizes medicine can improve health, when used properly, but cannot be relied on to know how to use medicine. ▪ Identifies appropriate clothing and sunscreen for various weather conditions. ▪ Has basic safety awareness about some hazards such as guns, fire, water, and strangers, though cannot be relied on to avoid these. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide constant close adult supervision and guidance. ▪ Participate in discussions with firefighters about fires and safety precautions. ▪ Invite law enforcement officer to tell about how they help to keep people safe. ▪ Explain 9-1-1, and show child how to dial 9-1-1. ▪ Read stories in which children face harmful situations and discuss how they deal with them. ▪ Provide puppets role-play materials, and songs/rhymes that help child focus on whom and what can be trusted. ▪ Be vigilant about appropriate clothing and skin protection. ▪ Provide role-playing situations for child to practice personal safety. ▪ Demonstrate clear and consistent boundaries about harmful objects and situations (e.g. always put child in car safety seat, helmets for bikes). ▪ Keep guns unloaded, use safety locks, and store in a locked cabinet away from children. ▪ Become familiar with the risk factors and signs of child abuse and neglect.