

**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
<b>6 to 18 Months</b>	Rely on adults to maintain safe environments and respond to adult indicators of unsafe or dangerous situations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Begins to respond to cues from caregivers about warnings of danger.</li> <li>▪ Begins to react when caregiver says, "No," but may need assistance to stop unsafe behavior.</li> <li>▪ Responds to cues from caregivers about warnings of danger.</li> <li>▪ Reacts when caregiver says, "No," but may need assistance to stop unsafe behavior.</li> <li>▪ Turns to familiar adults in preference to strangers.</li> <li>▪ Refers to adults in the environment to determine if activity or setting is safe.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Model vocabulary that indicates danger.</li> <li>▪ Demonstrate clear and consistent boundaries about harmful objects and situations (e.g. always use car safety seats, life jackets, and bicycle helmets).</li> <li>▪ Explain when things are hot and too hot to safely touch; cold and too cold to safely touch.</li> <li>▪ Prepare food to avoid choking hazards.</li> <li>▪ Respond with proximity, words, and calming touch when child needs reassurance.</li> <li>▪ Acknowledge child's fears and offer calming environment.</li> </ul>