Children and Safety: Infancy to Toddler
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Child Injury

• Every hour, one child dies from an injury.
• Every 4 seconds, a child is treated for an injury in an emergency department.
• About 1 in 5 child deaths is due to injury.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Services and Agencies

- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
- Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
NAEYC's mission is to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children with primary focus on the provision of educational and developmental services and resources.
Child Safety First

Because a child is moving around more, he or she will come across more dangers as well. Dangerous situations can happen quickly, so keep a close eye on children.
Child Care Options

Child Care Licensing Responsibilities
Regulates all child-care operations and child-placing agencies to protect the health, safety, and well-being of children in care, largely by reducing the risk of injury, abuse, and communicable disease.
Child Abuse

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services investigates reports of abuse and neglect of children.
It’s normal to feel frustrated or even angry at your baby’s crying.
Safety Crib Guidelines

With some careful planning, naptime and nighttime can be a pleasant experience for both you and your baby.
Play Yards: New Safety Rule to Take Effect

Play yards that meet the new safety standard must have:

• Side rails that do not form a sharp V when the product is folded. This prevents a child from strangling in the side rail.
Play Yards: New Safety Rule to Take Effect

Play yards that meet the new safety standard must have:

• Stronger corner brackets to prevent sharp-edged cracks and to prevent a side-rail collapse.

• Sturdier mattress attachments to the play yard floor to prevent children from getting trapped or hurt.
Play Yards: New Safety Rule to Take Effect

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Baby Monitor Cords

Baby Monitor Safety Tips and Strangulation
(click on link)
Toy Safety Guidelines

In 2009, an estimated 185,900 children ages 14 and under were treated in an emergency department for a toy-related injury.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Hey Kids,
Put Safety Into Play.

3 Toy Tips to Remember

Play Safe
Mom, Dad and you should check for age warnings. Big kid toys are not for little kids. If it says “Not for children under age 3,” keep it away from your little sister or brother.

Keep Safe
Check your toys often for breaks and damaged parts. Sharp edges can cut and cause other injuries. If a toy is damaged, give it to a parent to fix or throw away.

Put Away Safe
Store your toys on shelves, in bins or in a toy box to keep people from tripping or falling. Store outdoor toys in a safe, dry place to keep them from rusting.

Product Safety, It’s No Accident
Food Safety Guidelines

The food you serve your family can cause food poisoning if it is not safely handled, cooked, or stored.
Immunizations

Get the best protection for your child—make sure your child is immunized on schedule.
Immunizations

2013 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old

(click on link)
Clothing Safety Guidelines

Young children can be seriously injured or killed if the upper outerwear they are wearing catches and snags on other objects.
Clothing Safety Guidelines

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission sets national flammability safety standards for children's sleepwear to protect children from burn injuries if they come in contact with ignition sources, such as a match or space heater.
Magnets

Small high-powered magnets swallowed by children are like a bullet hole in the body with no entry or exit wound, say doctors who have surgically removed magnets from children’s bodies.
Magnets

Teen to Teen: Magnet Talk
(click on link)
Appropriate Health Care

Effective health care is an important aspect of achieving good health outcomes.
Falls

• Use a soft landing surface on playgrounds (such as sand or wood chips, not dirt or grass).
• Use protective gear, like a helmet, during sports and recreation.
• Install protective rails on bunk beds and loft beds.
Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)

Know the Facts about SBS:
• SBS is a leading cause of child abuse deaths in the United States.
• Babies (newborn to 4 months) are at greatest risk of injury from shaking.
• Inconsolable crying is a primary trigger for shaking a baby.
Furniture Tipover Injuries

Secure Your Furniture
(click on link)
Furniture Tipover Injuries

1 CHILD DIES EVERY 2 WEEKS
When a TV, furniture or appliance falls on him or her

Who dies?

- 27% 0-1 year old
- 23% 1-2
- 31% 2-3
- 11% 3-8
- 8% 8-9

What falls on them?

- 70% Televisions and furniture
- 26% Furniture: dressers, tables
- 4% Appliances, etc.

Injuries: about 3 per hour 71 per day 2,117 per month 25,400 per year

These tragedies can be prevented by taking low-cost steps to stabilize TVs, furniture and appliances.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Fire/Burns

• Use smoke alarms – where people sleep and on every level of the home – and test monthly.

• Create and practice a family fire escape plan.
Suffocation

- Make sure infants sleep alone; placed on their backs on a firm surface.
- Be sure crib meets safety standards.
- Avoid loose bedding or soft toys in crib.
Sleep Positioners: A Suffocation Risk

Sleep Positioners
(click on link)
Motor Vehicles

Always use seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats that are correct for a child’s age and weight.
Single-Load Laundry Packets

- Do NOT let children handle laundry packets.
- Keep them locked up and out of a child’s sight and reach.
What Can Be Done

States and communities can:

• Align efforts with the National Action Plan for Child Injury Prevention.
• Strengthen data collection on child injury.
What Can Be Done

States and communities can:

• Use strategies shown to reduce injuries.
• Improve access to poison control centers, trauma center care, and preventive services.
What Can Be Done

Health care systems can:

• Use technology to improve the speed and quality of care.

• Provide safety education for new parents.
What Can Be Done

Everyone can:

Take steps to prevent child injury where you live, work, and play.
References and Resources

Microsoft Clip Art: Used with permission from Microsoft.
Textbook:
Websites:
2013 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old
The recommended immunization schedule is designed to protect infants and children early in life, when they are most vulnerable and before they are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.

Center for Disease Control
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http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/positiveparenting/toddlers.html
When It Comes to Protecting Our Nation’s Children, Regulations are Effective. The CPSIA empowers the CPSC to respond swiftly to emerging toy and product hazards, implement strong safety standards for these products, and immediately inform the American public through an online product database about safety hazards. 
http://www.consumerfed.org/news/627

Consumer Product Safety Commission
Publications and guidelines for baby sitters, soft bedding, baby monitors, infant cushions, strings, cords, and magnets. 

Crib Safety

National Association for the Education of Young Children
Founded in 1926, The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the world’s largest organization working on behalf of young children with nearly 80,000 members, a national network of more than 300 state and local Affiliates, and a growing global alliance of like-minded organizations. 
http://www.naeyc.org/
References and Resources

Safe Kids
Here you will find a wealth of information from across Safe Kids Worldwide, covering everything from safety basics and fact sheets to activities you can adapt for your lesson plans.
http://www.safekids.org/

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency’s jurisdiction.

What Is Child Abuse and Neglect?
Federal legislation lays the groundwork for States by identifying a minimum set of acts or behaviors that define child abuse and neglect.
References and Resources

YouTube™:
Baby Monitor Cords Have Strangled Children
CPSC knows of 7 deaths and 3 near strangulations since 2002 involving baby monitors. Always keep ALL cords and monitor parts out of the reach of babies and young children — at least 3 feet away.
http://youtu.be/RXhuZivjxUk

JPMA Bumper Pad Interview
Interview concerning the safety of crib bumper pads.
http://youtu.be/nHr4T5QwA68

United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
In this month’s Consumer Product Safety Commission Recall Round-Up: Dunecraft Water Balz, skulls, orbs and flower toys, DynoCube high-powered magnets, and Enesco’s Shelly’s Diner collectibles.
http://youtu.be/suS54XU8S0l

United States Consumer Product Safety Commission
Nikki Fleming, CPSC spokesperson discusses whether you just had a baby, expecting a new baby, or taking care of a young infant – it’s important to create a safe sleep environment for your baby.
http://youtu.be/UGFvIRQFY30