Safety Corner
Lesson Plan
Topic: Safe Places to Play
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Colorado Academic Standards Comprehensive Health Standard P.4.1
“Apply personal safety knowledge and skills to prevent and treat unintentional injury.”

Synopsis:
Students will identify and discuss safe and unsafe places by utilizing photographs.

Learning Objective: Students will be able to identify safe and unsafe places to play.

21st Century Skills & Post-Secondary and Workforce Readiness: Critical thinking

Materials: Photographs

Key Vocabulary: sibling, safe, unsafe

Time: 20 minutes
Connect with Students (5 Minutes) Instructor Notes

- Introduce yourself.
- Introduce your learning objective: Students will be able to identify safe and unsafe places to play.
- Key vocabulary: sibling, safe, unsafe

Instructor: (Share one of your favorite places to play when you were their age.)

Instructor: Where do you like to play? (Take 3 responses.)

Instructor: Today we are going to talk about safe and unsafe places to play.

Safety Instruction/Activity (10 Minutes) Instructor Notes

We are going to learn how to identify safe and unsafe places to play. I will show you multiple photos of common places in our everyday lives. With the weather getting warmer, we are more likely to be outside and spending time with our friends and families so we need to make sure we are being safe while having fun.

I would like you to identify what the photo is and then give your reasons as to whether that place is safe or unsafe to play.
Photo 1: This photo shows a playground. Is the playground a safe place to play? Yes! Playgrounds are great places to go play with your siblings, parents, or guardians. Be careful climbing the steps. Keep all your arms and legs inside while riding down the slide and make sure you are well out of the way if someone is swinging if you run by the swings.
Identify:

Photo 2: This photo shows a street. Is the street a safe place to play? No! Cars use the street to drive. They may not see you, may not stop in time, or sometimes they might be driving too fast to stop appropriately. Ask your parents or guardians if they can take you to a nearby park or play in a backyard.
Identify:

Photo 3: This photo shows a sandbox. Are sandboxes safe places to play? Yes! Make sure you do not rub your eyes when you are playing with sand. Do not pour sand over your head because sand may get in your eyes and burn. Ensure you do not get sunburned by having your parent apply sunscreen to you before you go out.
Identify:

Photo 4: This photo shows electrical outlets, which is where we plug in our phones, gaming consoles, and other devices. Are electrical outlets safe to play with? No! They can hurt you. Leave them alone. Never plug in an electrical device without adult’s permission and never touch anything that is plugged into an electrical outlet if your hands are wet.
Identify:

Photo 5: This is a photo of a classroom. Is your classroom a safe place to play? Yes! When your teacher gives the word, follow their directions and play nice with everyone. Be sure to share your toys and tools. Allow everyone a chance to play.
Photo 6: This is a photo of a garage or basement with tools. Is a garage or basement filled with shop tools a safe place to play? No way!

These tools should only be used by an adult or with adult supervision. Power tools can be especially dangerous even when handled by an adult. Never play with any shop tools.
Photo 7: This is a photo of a body of water. Is a body of water a safe place to play? Only if your parents, guardians, or another adult are with you. Even if you are a good swimmer, you should never swim alone. Stayaway from empty pools, too. They are very deep and if you fall in, you could get hurt.
Photo 8: This is a photo of someone standing in a grocery cart. Is a grocery cart a safe place to play? No! It is a convenient way for your parents or guardians to do their shopping. Do not stand up in the cart. If it topples over, you could get hurt.
Identify:

Photo 9: This is a photo of someone at an amusement park. Is an amusement park a safe place to play?
Yes! Amusement parks and carnivals are fun places to go with your parents or guardians. It is easy to get lost in such a crowded place. Make sure you stay right with your parents or guardians and hold their hands. If you should get lost for any reason, look for a security officer with a badge or an amusement park worker with a name tag. They should be able to take you to a safe place for your parents or guardians to find you.

Are there other safe places to play that you can think of?

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Sources:

http://kidshealth.org/