

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
16 to 38 Months	Begin to develop an awareness of harmful objects and situations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Begins to avoid some dangers (e.g. blowing on hot food, saying "Hot" and pointing to a hot stove, or mimicking adult admonitions), but cannot be relied on to keep self safe. ▪ Seeks caregiver support when aware of danger. ▪ Communicates to adult when someone hurts or makes them feel bad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide constant close adult supervision and guidance. ▪ Keep all chemicals, including soaps, cleaners, and cosmetics, in locked cabinets. ▪ Give child basic words for talking about harmful objects and substances. ▪ Teach child to tell an adult if they are afraid, have been hurt by an adult or another child, or see something that is not safe. ▪ Keep guns unloaded, use safety locks, and store in a locked cabinet away from children. ▪ Introduce child to safety personnel and places such as firefighters, fire stations; health clinics, doctors, and hospitals. ▪ Teach child that they are strong and capable and can count on you to keep them safe. ▪ Demonstrate clear and consistent boundaries about harmful objects and situations (e.g. always put child in car safety seat when traveling in a vehicle). ▪ Assist child in dressing appropriately and check clothing for hazards that might cause choking or hangings.