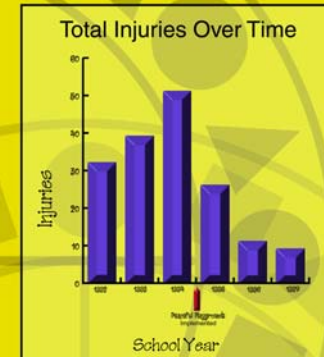


Playground Supervisor Training

**66% Reduction
In Injuries!!**



Program

Components:

Supervisor Training

Staff Training

Student Education

100+ New Game Designs

Conflict Resolution Strategies

Supervision

- *Key Purpose of Supervision is to insure safety.*



Supervision

Consumer Product Safety

Commission statistics estimate

Nearly 200,000 playground related injuries

Occur each year that require emergency

Room visits in the US.

Nearly 40% of those injuries related to

Inadequate supervision.

Supervision

- *Playground injuries account for the majority of school - related injuries that occur.*



Most Injuries

Occur on:

- Swings
- Monkey Bars
- Slides
- Climbers



Supervision

- *Quality supervision can reduce injuries from interaction, thus have a significant influence in reducing overall playground injuries.*

◆ *Bruya & Wood*



Supervision

- *Types of injuries*
 - *Self inflicted*
 - *Equipment related*
 - *Interaction with others*



Outcome

*Understand Supervisor
Responsibilities*



Supervision

- *Over 40% of playground injuries can be attributed to issues of supervision*
 - ◆ *King (1994)*
 - ◆ *Duty of Care to provide for safety of children*

Supervision Zones

- *Assign supervision zones*
 - *Grass*
 - *Play structures*
 - *Blacktop areas*
 - *(Min. one adult per zone recommended)*
- *Supervisors should not be organizing games*
- *Supervisors should delay adult conversations until after recess.*

Before Duty

- *Know playground Rules and Procedures*
- *Be Prepared. Arrive with first aid kit.*
- *Always precede children to playground.*
 - *Monitor hallways*
 - *Check Playground for hazards.*
 - ◆ *Broken glass*
 - ◆ *Broken equipment*

*CLOSE AREA IF
Necessary and report Hazards*



Equipment Safety

*No bats or hockey sticks at recess.
Establish a tricycle track!*

During Recess

■ *Be Alert*

- Move through assigned area*
- Visually scan constantly*
- Pay close attention to play structures area*

During Recess

■ *Behavior Problems*

- Make eye contact in anticipation of potential problems*
- Move close to students in event of likely confrontation*
- Give verbal warning*
- Be firm in enforcing rules*
- INTERVENE and stop inappropriate behavior.*

During Recess

- *Be concerned with the safety of all children*
- *Do NOT engage in game activities with students.*
- *Do NOT engage in conversation with children. Keep comments brief.*
- *Stay focused on scanning playground.*

During Recess

- *Do NOT allow running on blacktop.*
- *Discourage rough and tumble play (this usually ends in confrontations).*
- *Bullying requires intervention from other school personnel. Report to administrator.*

During Recess

- *NEVER leave your area unsupervised.*
- *Send child for assistance or use walkie-talkie to call office.*



During Recess

- *Do not allow children to wear clothing with attached strings (ie, sweatshirt cords).*
 - *This causes a risk of strangulation if caught in equipment.*

At the Recess Bell

- *Establish a freeze bell procedure.*
- *Insure that students walk equipment into classroom or place in ball cart (no throwing).*
- *Supervise walkways as students return to class insist that students walk.*

Keeping Kids Safe

■ *Playground Supervisors*

- Establishing rules for safe play*
- Intervening when necessary*
- Working together with staff, administration, and students*