



Prepare For Spring Gross Motor Activities



With

National Program for Playground Safety

NPPS is the leader in research, training, and development of S.A.F.E. play areas! NPPS' mission is to help the public create safe and developmentally appropriate play environments for children. As the premier non-profit organization in the United States delivering training and services about outdoor play and safety, NPPS believes:

- Every child has the right to play
- All children need to learn to play and play to learn
- Every child is entitled to a safe, positive, nurturing, and fun play experience in the play environment
- Putting these beliefs into practice

NPPS serves as child-advocates on issues pertaining to playground safety before government and regulatory agencies. NPPS helps the public create, renovate, and maintain safe and developmentally appropriate play environments for children by providing professional, well-researched, highly informative, practical and user-friendly services, and programs to fulfill this mission. NPPS serves as a national resource for the latest educational and research information about playground safety. NPPS has been helping educate the public about safe and fun play environments since 1995. NPPS was established at the University of Northern Iowa with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Injury Prevention.

NPPS has developed the largest and most comprehensive clearinghouse of outdoor play areas safety information and resources in the United States. NPPS operates on fees generated through research, training, and educational resources.

Online Training Opportunities

NPPS offers online training for a variety of topics on creating safe and developing appropriate play environments for children. Course offerings:

Early Childhood:

[Early Childhood Outdoor Play Inspectors Course](#)

[Playground Supervision for Child Care Providers](#)

Elementary Schools:

[School Outdoor Play Inspectors Course](#)

[Playground Supervision Training for Elementary Schools](#)

[Playground Maintenance for Front Line Workers](#)

For more information, visit <http://www.playgroundsafety.org/>



HIP on Health Parent and Family Resource Materials

Do you have questions about common childhood illnesses? Do you want easy-to-read information on preventing injuries? Are you looking for ways to teach parents and families about important health and safety topics?

If so then *HIP (Health Information for Parents)* is for you!

This practical resource helps parents and families, teachers, and caregivers learn more about keeping children healthy and safe. The **HIP on Health** set includes reproducible mini-posters and information sheets on 65 different health and safety topics. And the **More HIP** set includes 65 additional topics. Buy both sets for a total of 130 different topics! Topics include common childhood illnesses, injury prevention, medical and dental care, nutrition, discipline, and much more. Printed in black on white paper, these materials can be reproduced within your program, allowing you to provide each of your families with important information year after year. Materials are available in both English and Spanish! Visit <http://www.childhealthonline.org/parents.html> for more information.

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