

TOOL BOX TALKS

Working with Children

School Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention



A staff member was participating in a relay race with students during outdoor recess. The employee fell and suffered a broken wrist.

Tool Box Tips

1. Know your limitations when interacting with students during outdoor physical activities.
2. Be cognizant of your level of physical activity and how negative consequences could occur after intense physical exercise.
3. Watch for children that may approach you for questions.
4. Wear appropriate shoes when participating during recess, when watching groups of children during outside activities or when helping out in the cafeteria.
5. Stay off of playground equipment and avoid running and jumping during playground activities.
6. Avoid jumping over or off of landscaping, retaining walls, fences, benches and tables.
7. Make sure you wear the same safety gear that is expected of students when participating in outdoor activities.
8. Use your safety training in coaching and instruction during games.
9. Do not encourage or participate horseplay among students.
10. Avoid playing physical games or sports with children.

Lead by example.

**Safety rules
on the
playground.**

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