

Common Daycare Scenarios: What to Say & Do

<h2>Hitting / Kicking </h2> <p> Say: "I won't let you hit. Safe hands."</p> <p> Do: Block gently, move bodies apart, check on the other child.</p> <p> Teach: "Say: 'Stop' / 'Move' / 'Help please.'"</p> <p> Repair: "Let's get ice/help/check on friend."</p>	<h2>Biting (toddlers/preschool) </h2> <p> Say: "No biting. Biting hurts." (neutral tone)</p> <p> Do: Help the bitten child first; keep biter close and calm.</p> <p> Teach: "Teeth are for food. If you need space, say 'move' or come to me."</p> <p> Prevent: Watch high-risk moments (crowding, transitions, tired/hungry).</p>
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Toy Grabbing

- ✓ **Say:** "You want a turn. Ask for a turn."
- 👉 **Do:** Return the toy to the child using it (briefly).
- ⌚ **Teach:** "Say: 'Can I have a turn?'" + offer a timer/turn system.

Refusing Directions

- ✓ **Say:** "You can choose ___ or ___." / OR "First ___, then ___."
- 👉 **Do:** Offer two acceptable choices; reduce extra talking.
- ⌚ **Teach:** "When we do ___, then we can ___."



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