Responding to Injuries

We all must be prepared to respond when a child or staff member is hurt. Reread the scenarios from the Learn section of this lesson and describe what you would do in each.

As Simone climbs the ladder on the slide, she twists her ankle and falls backwards onto the ground. Her left foot is turned at an awkward angle.

Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?

Dante and Claire are chasing one another on the paved path through their play area. Dante trips and skins his knee.

Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?

Madison and Tristan are playing basketball. Madison stops quickly. Tristan can't stop in time and runs into Madison. Both children fall. Madison hits his mouth on the basketball court and loses a tooth.

Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?

Luke drops his favorite piece of artwork on the way to his dad's car. It flutters into the parking lot and he dashes out to catch it. The oncoming vehicle cannot stop in time to miss him.
Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?

Luis, 10 months, crawls towards you and opens his hand to show you something. You look closely and see it is a pill that must have fallen out of an adult's purse. You notice he is chewing something and holding his mouth closed tightly. When you get his mouth open, you can tell Luis has swallowed some of the pills but you cannot determine how many.

Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?

Millie is giggling with her friends during snack. Suddenly her face turns red, her eyes get wide, and she cannot make any sounds.

Is this a life threatening injury?

What would you do?