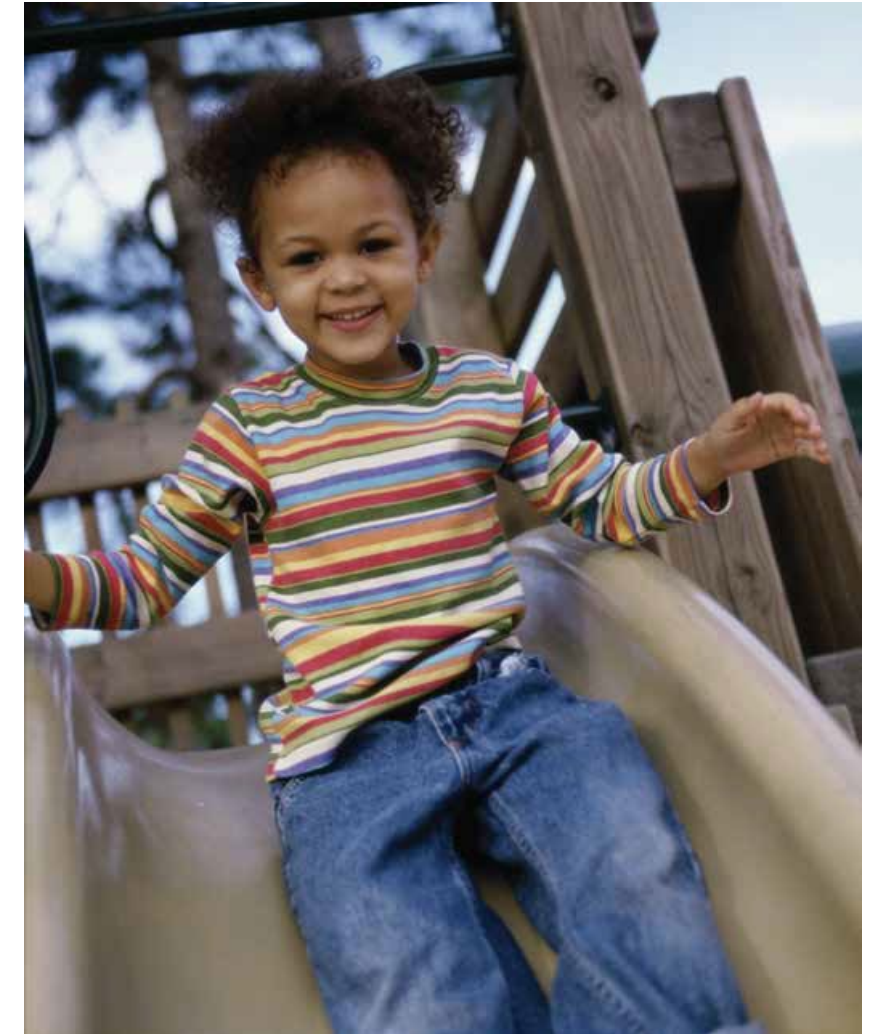


# Child Injured in Play Area

- Mom took 4 year old girl outside to play area
- Child was playing on a slide
  - Deck of slide is 8 feet from the ground
  - 3” of sand under slide for ground cover
- She fell from top of slide
- Taken to local hospital with a serious head injury



Note: Scenario based on a true incident, but information may be added/edited for purpose of this activity.



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# Questions

- Was she adequately supervised?
- What might the mother have been doing?
- Was she playing on the equipment correctly?
- Were there railings/safety bars on the deck of the slide?
- Was there adequate ground cover?
- Is the ground cover the right type for the time of year?
- Was this injury preventable?

# Consider...

- Was she adequately supervised?
  - Not sure – don't know where mother was
- What might the mother have been doing?
  - Could have been on her phone, talking to someone else, doing chores, etc.
- Was she playing on the equipment correctly?
  - Unknown, she could have been hanging over rail, climbing, etc.
- Were there railings/safety bars on the deck of the slide?
  - If photo is correct – yes, but written scenario doesn't specify
- Was there adequate ground cover?
  - No, 3" of sand isn't deep enough. If cold out or wet, cushioning is lessened
- Is the ground cover the right type for the time of year?
  - If summer/fall – yes, if winter - no
- Was this injury preventable? How?
  - Probably with good supervision, correct use of equipment, adequate ground cover, etc.





# Young Boy Run Over by Tractor

- 5 year old boy playing in the play area
- He knew the rules
  - Stay in the play area
  - Stay off the road (including the driveway)
- Dad pulled into the driveway operating a large tractor
- Child was excited and ran out in front of tractor
- Dad didn't see child and ran him over
- Child transported to hospital with life threatening injuries



Note: Scenario based on a true incident, but information may be added/edited for purpose of this activity.



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# Questions

- Was he adequately supervised?
- Do you have any thoughts on the child “disobeying the rules”?
- Were there any barriers to prevent access to the driveway?
- How does the tractor being “large” play into this incident?
- What other questions do you have?
- Was this preventable?

# Consider...

- Was he adequately supervised?
  - Unknown – while Dad was driving tractor, unknown where other adults were
- Do you have any thoughts on the child “disobeying the rules”?
  - 5 year olds do not always have the capacity to remember and obey the rules
- Were there any barriers to prevent access to the driveway?
  - Unknown, but assuming not, or child would likely not have run in front of tractor
- How does the tractor being “large” play into this incident?
  - Large tractors tend to have reduced visibility to surroundings, especially close to vehicle
- What other questions do you have?
  - More information on supervision/adults in area, composition of play area, etc. would be helpful
- Was this preventable?
  - Fencing around the play area would likely have prevented this from happening
  - Ensure play items are appropriate for child’s age/abilities (change out items as they mature to hold child’s attention/desire to stay in play area)





# Playing in Hay

- 9 year old girl playing in the calf barn with her sisters
- Her head and neck became trapped by a large bale of hay
  - The bales weighed around 1000 lbs. each
- Her mother was outside on her phone
- Taken to the hospital with severe injuries
  - A fractured skull
  - Swollen airway



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# Questions

- Does this sound like a safe/appropriate place to play?
- Were these children properly supervised? Why or why not?
- Was this preventable?
- What solutions would you offer to prevent this from happening again?
- What would be some barriers to implementing the solutions you identified?



# Consider...

- Does this sound like a safe/appropriate place to play?
  - No, obvious hazards in this area, as well as it being an active worksite
- Were these children properly supervised? Why or why not?
  - No, mother was not in the building and was distracted (on the phone)
- Was this preventable? Yes
- What solutions would you offer to prevent this from happening again?
  - Child care and/or safe play areas with good supervision
- What would be some barriers to implementing the solutions you identified?
  - Child care in rural areas is sometimes difficult to find/access, hours may not match farm needs and/or may not be affordable
  - Play areas need to be constructed in a safe manner (knowledge is needed), take time to create if constructing yourself, and can be expensive
  - Good supervision can be a challenge, as caregivers can be distracted (e.g. phone, work tasks) and/or there may not be someone available to devote specifically to child care/supervision

