

EARLY **CHILDHOOD**



Hoop Danger

LEARNING TARGETS

- ✓ I will demonstrate awareness of my body by moving safely and staying inside the boundaries.
- ✓ I will identify danger and maintain a safe distance from the obstacles.
- ✓ I will follow basic safety rules as they pertain to street and water safety practices.

ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

Things You Need:

- √ 1 hoop per student
- ✓ Cones to create boundaries

Set-Up:

- 1. Arrange hoops in a large circle with enough space for students to weave in and out.
- 2. Each student at a hoop. They begin sitting inside their hoops.

Activity Procedures:

- 1. The purpose of this activity is practice moving safely around potentially hazardous obstacles (hoops).
- 2. Today we're going to play a game called Hoop Danger. Before we start, look around and take note of your personal space.
- 3. Teachers, explain that there may be times we need to stay at a safe distance from a dangerous obstacle (e.g., a busy street, a body of water).
- **4.** Let's start by standing next to our hoops. When I say, "GO," walk in a circle around the hoop perimeter.
- **5.** Next, students walk in a circle inside the hoop perimeter.
- **6.** Next, students weave in and out of the hoop perimeter.
- 7. Ask students to perform steps 4–6 using different locomotor skills (e.g., tip toe, march, gallop, slide). When the teacher says, "Danger!" students return to their Home Bases.

Universal Design Modifications:

- To make it easier, move hoops further away from one another.
- To add a challenge, move hoops closer together or increase students' speed.

DEVELOPMENTAL INDICATORS

- ✓ Gross Motor Development: Uses perceptual information to guide motions and interactions with objects and other people.
- ✓ Health/Safety: Demonstrates knowledge of personal safety practice and routines



