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* Read to your child every day. Your child may love hearing the same story over and over.
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* Talk slowly and remember that it may take a while for your child to respond.
* It is better for toddlers to play than watch TV.
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  + Dry for 2 hours
  + Knows if he/she is wet or dry
  + Can pull pants down and up
  + Wants to learn
  + Can tell you if he/she is going to have a bowel movement
* Plan for toilet breaks often. Children use the toilet as many as 10 times a day
* Help your child wash his/her hands after toileting and diaper changes and before meals.
* Clean potty chairs after every use.
* Take the child to choose underwear when he/she feels ready to do so.

**Accident Prevention:**

* Continue to use an approved car safety seat.
* Everyone should wear a seat belt in the car. Do not start the vehicle until everyone is buckled up.
* Poison Control # 800-222-1222.
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* Keep your child away from moving machines, lawn mowers, streets, moving garage doors, and driveways.
* Have your child wear a good fitting helmet on bikes and trikes.
* If there is a gun in the home, make sure it is stored unloaded and locked with the ammunition locked separately from the gun. Ask if there are guns in the homes where your child plays. If so, make sure they are stored safely.

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