

Child Development: Early Stages Through Age 12
Chapter 22 Read, Discuss, and Analyze Activity—Toy Safety for Young Children

READ the case study

Helena’s family child care home serves children ages six months to six years. Helena does not know how to handle a toy safety issue. The preschoolers want to play with smaller, more advanced toys that are inappropriate and unsafe for the younger children. Helena considers these options: offering only toys that are appropriate for all children, limiting use of smaller toys to younger children’s naptimes, or provide a separate area for the older children to play with these toys.

DISCUSS this question in class:

Which of the options Helena considers seems most appropriate to you? Explain why.

ANALYZE the following statements about the case study to decide which are true and which are false.

- ___ **T F** Helena should call her state’s agency in charge of family child care homes to ask for advice.
- ___ **T F** Supervision of children of all ages with toys is crucial.
- ___ **T F** Helena should keep older children separated from younger children at all times.
- ___ **T F** Helena should not allow the children to have toys at the center.