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Institution/project

1. Safe and healthy in the kindergarten
2. UPSI and the green dragon make a fire

Short description of the institution/project

In the prevention project of the UKB specific materials were developed, which should help pedagogues to easily communicate safety issues in a pleasant way. There, it is important to integrate these topics into the daily kindergarten routine.

1. "SIGIKI – safe and healthy in the kindergarten" is a project aiming at the support of safety and exercise for children with an age of 4-6 years.
2. UPSI is a character that was developed by the UKB in cooperation with various partners. There, the previously mentioned safety and exercise issues are integrated into stories.

Short biographical note

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Safety promotion in the preschool area

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Traditional safety education was concerned with informing about risks and dangers. However, this approach usually made children believe that enjoyable things are often forbidden. Nowadays, an alternative path is chosen. Children receive support in their personal development and kids are also encouraged to gain experiences and to deal with challenges under supervision. Certainly, this has a positive effect on safety and risk awareness. By means of several examples it can be illustrated how children should deal with fire and other dangerous substances.

“Upsi and the green dragon make a fire” is not only a fairy-tale, but moreover instructs children on the correct handling of fire. Here, children are motivated to make their own experiences with fire.

The “supporting safety for children” information brochure provides examples on how to adjust the “dealing with dangerous substances and medicine” topic to the specific age group. Participants are given the chance to discuss the previous information and to add their personal views and opinions.