## **Preventing Injuries**

Safety should be your top priority with kids. Be proactive to prevent injuries before they happen. Here are some safety tips:



Wear protective gear (helmets, shin guards, etc.)

✤ Follow the rules of the game



- **\*** Always swim with a buddy.
- ★ Learn to swim by taking a class.
- **\*** Swim where there is a lifeguard.



## Ready

- No equipment needed
- 2 or more players

## GO!

- 1. The oldest in the family is the 1<sup>st</sup> "Simon."
- 2. Simon tells the others to do a variety of activities. If Simon says, "Simon Says" before the direction, others do it. If Simon doesn't say, "Simon Says," others should ignore the request.
- 3. Try the following activities or create your own:
  - Moving body parts (e.g., wiggle your hips, lift your knees, etc.)
  - Jogging in place
  - Marching
  - o Stretching
  - Hopping and jumping
  - Twisting and turning
- 4. Have fun! Try to trick others into moving by calling commands quickly.
- 5. After playing for a bit, give your child a turn to be Simon.



- \* Wear sunscreen.
- Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m, when the sun is the hottest.
- Drink lots of water, even if you're not thirsty.



- \* Ride only during daylight hours.
- Wear protective gear (helmet, knee pads, etc.).
- Stay away from traffic and busy streets.



<u>I Can Be Safe: A First Look at Safety</u> by Pat Thomas

Germs Make Me Sick! by Melvin Berger

HOME PLAY 7 - INJURY PREVENTION

## TAKE THE ROAD TO A HEALTHY LIFE!

Move along the road to find activities you can do. After completing an activity, color the sign next to it. If you do it again, put a star next to the sign. How many colored signs and stars can you earn this month?

