

# An Injury Occurs, What Should the Supervisor Do?

When a child is injured on the playground the supervisor is usually the first person to attend to the injured child. Teachers should be aware of all school policies regarding accidents and injuries to children. In addition, teachers should follow these emergency rules:

- Be qualified in basic Red Cross First Aid.
- Regardless of the severity of the injury, the supervisor should remain composed and in control.
- Do not allow a crowd to form around an injured child.
- Remember that parents and medical personnel have the final authority in the medical care of an injured child.
- Be aware of the children who have specific medical needs (seizure disorders, asthma, diabetes, etc.).

School playground supervisors should have in-service training at the beginning of each school year on proper playground supervision. This training should be for both the non certified staff as well as for the certified teachers, assuming that individuals from both groups would be supervising the playground at some point.

