



Seat Belt Lock and Latch

1 year to 2 years

Objective: The child can use fine-motor skills through discovering locks and latches.

Materials needed:

Any type of item that has locks and latches:

- * Car seat
- * Belts
- * Shoes with Velcro
- * Purse or bags with a latch
- * Puzzles
- * Door latches or locks

Procedures:

COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY! Teaching the importance of locking and latching...through fine-motor development!

1. Put any, or all, of the items mentioned above in front of your child on the floor. If you can not physically put the item in front of your child, take your child to that item (such as the door handle) to teach them how it works.
2. Teach your child by showing them what the



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item does, and how it locks and/or latches.

4. Go through each item modeling how it works with your child. (i.e. For a shoe with Velcro: open and close

the Velcro piece to teach the action and use)

5. Now let your child try and explore on their own.

6. Watch as they learn through discovery of trial and error.

7. Help their hands lock & latch the items if needed.

8. Use words to describe what the item is doing. (i.e. "It is opened. Closed. Locked. Unlocked. Shut. Latched up tight.") Ask your child to repeat you.

Milestones to meet:

The child can use fine-motor skills to lock and latch items. The child uses trial and error to learn how something works.

Evaluation:

Did this lesson work for your child? Why or why not?