

The following guidelines are provided in an effort to assist practitioners in developing child safety guidelines in their office. The guidelines do not represent legal advice and practitioners should ensure they are compliant with all Federal regulations and individual State laws.

Child/Children within the context of this procedure document are defined as 12 and under.

- Mechanical tables (e.g. treatment tables with electrical or other moving parts) must have safety/emergency stop features such as a “kill switch” or button.
- Children must be supervised by an adult other than the patient when mechanical tables or similar devices are being utilized.
- Children should never be left to wander unsupervised within the facility
- If you use acupuncture needles or other materials requiring bio-hazardous waste disposal, all Sharps containers and small objects should be removed from spaces easily reachable by a child
- Unused electrical outlets should be covered with a safety plug
- Be cautious of water dispensers that have both hot and cold features. Make sure they have a safety feature (e.g. must push two different buttons to get the hot water to function)
- Wires and/or cords should not be within reach of children
- Your facility should routinely validate that all equipment is operating properly
- Bookshelves and other large pieces of furniture should be secured and protected against toppling over if a child tries to climb up them
- Never leave a child on a table unattended.
- Warning signs should be posted about the potential dangers to children of touching equipment; allow parents to be aware of the potential hazards of equipment in the facility