

Prevent Injuries from Students: “Biters”



Working with students who bite create a serious risk for injury. It is important to identify those students who have a tendency to bite and **KNOW WHY STUDENTS BITE:**

- ✓ Student Wants Control - Student wants control of an object or situation. Give the student an opportunity to control in a way that is productive.
- ✓ Anxiety – Student bites in response to too much stimulation or stress. Remove the stimulation or stress.
- ✓ Attention – Student likes the strong reaction from others when he/she bites. Don’t provide that reaction. Redirect the students attention when signs of wanting to bite appear.
- ✓ Competition – Student competes for space or an object. Provide adequate personal space and duplicate objects.
- ✓ Frustration – Student doesn’t know how to communicate when frustrated. Teach or demonstrate to the student how to use words to express frustration.