



## Prevent Strategy

# Setting Clear Behavior Expectations

Choose 3-5 appropriate behaviors your child can engage in without support.



**State behavior expectations positively.** For example, say "use walking feet" instead of "no running."

**Examples:**  
Keep your body calm;  
Use listening ears;  
Clean up your space

**Review the expectations daily and provide examples and non-examples of the expected behaviors.**

You're keeping your body calm while you play. I'm proud of you.

**Provide positive descriptive feedback often to increase the likelihood of that behavior in the future.**



Point to visual and say, "remember, we use walking feet inside to stay safe."

**Create a visual for each expected behavior. Post them around your home and refer to them often.**

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**Model and practice the expectations with your child using consistent language.**

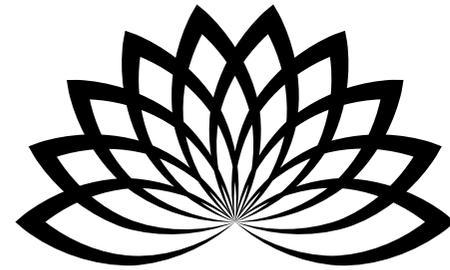
When it's time to clean up, show your child the visual and clean up one toy. Describe what you're doing. Then say, "it's your turn to clean up."

**For more information about this prevent strategy, click [here](#).**





**Gentle hands**



**Calm body**



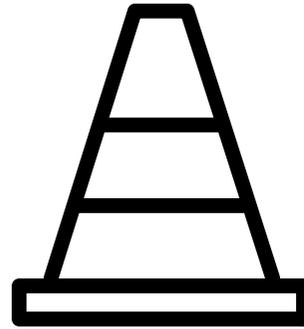
**Walking feet**



**Listening ears**



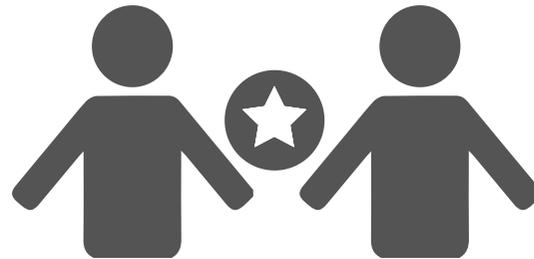
**Quiet voice**



**Safe choices**



**Use kind words**



**Take turns**

**Use the boxes below to create your own visuals.**
