# Adults are responsible for Hazards. Risks help your child develop.

*Hazard*: A danger in the environment that could seriously injure or endanger a child and is beyond the child’s capacity to recognize. It is the adult’s responsibility to identify and address hazards

*Risk:* The challenges and uncertainties within the environment that a child can recognize and learn to manage by choosing to encounter them while determining their own limits.

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Eliminating risks leads to a child’s inability to assess danger.