Natural or Logical Consequences?



Natural Consequences:

The direct result of the child's actions. Natural consequences are *not* implemented by another person.

Logical Consequences:

Consequences that are relevant to the behavior and imposed by the caregiver or teacher.



Make sure that the child's best interest and safety is taken into consideration when deciding. No consequence should ever place a child at risk!

Examples of natural consequences:

- If a child leaves his lunch at home, he has to skip lunch that day.
- If a child spends all her allowance at once, then she has no more money until next allowance.
- If a child refuses to wear a coat and it snows later in the day, he will be cold and wet.

Examples of logical consequences:

- If a child spills the milk, then she has to clean it up.
- If a child doesn't behave at dinner, then he will need to leave the table.
- If a child disrupts the group, then she will be asked to leave the activity.