
Activity Emergency Situations Balloon Activity**Allergy Alert**

Goals

Each student will have the opportunity to reflect on appropriate reactions in emergency situations, with some specific examples of problems that may arise.

Equipment/ Materials/Costs

- Balloons of sufficient size to tape a small folded piece of paper to the outside. 12" balloons will work, 16" balloons are more fun. If you have a large environment (where you won't take out the lights) a 36" balloon is also fun.
- Print and cut the attached driving emergency situations.
- Scissors for deflating the balloons after the activity.

Time 20-30 minutes

Description

- Blow up the balloons and invite students to bat them around the room to scramble.
- This can be a team or individual activity. Everyone grab a balloon and one at a time remove the piece of paper and solve the emergency problem. Take time to discuss each with class input.

Notes and Challenges

- Allergy alert. If anyone has a latex allergy substitute large beach balls instead of balloons. Watch the lights!
- Be sure all pieces of balloons are picked up and removed from the room at the end of class. Never leave latex balloons in the classroom.
- Obviously this has the potential to get out of hand. Watch the ceiling!
- Popping balloons echo like gun shots. Quietly releasing the air from the balloon may prevent embarrassing lockdown situations due to Driver's Ed class. There's a headline!

Origin

Found the idea of using balloons on the web - adapted for this activity
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Front tire blowout Rear tire blowout	Put your foot on the brake and the pedal goes to the floor.	Your hood flies up.
Put your foot on the brake and the brake pedal won't move.	Driving on the Interstate at midnight and your high beams go out.	Your car stalls in a busy intersection just as the light turns green.
You are going into a deep river. There is nothing you can do to stop it... you are going in. What should be the very first thing you do?	You pull out of your driveway and start down the road to school and your gas pedal sticks ON.	Your car stalls on RR Tracks.
You are driving down Mt. Washington and your brakes feel funny, sort of soft and spongy, and your car smells horrible.	Your tires drop off the right edge of the road.	Your car is hydroplaning. What should you do?