



Activity - Make a telephone

In an Emergency

It is important to know how to contact the Police, Fire Service or Ambulance Service in an emergency by dialling 000.

Make up a pretend scenario about a fire.



Activity

Working in pairs:

Make a model telephone. Practise what you would say when you call Triple Zero (000) to report a fire.

Steps

- Collect 2 clean, empty margarine, yoghurt containers or plastic cups.
- Punch holes in the bottoms of the containers.
- Thread each end of a long length of string through the holes and knot both ends.
- Pick up the containers and move away from each other until the string is tight. While keeping the string tight, one child talks into the telephone (open end of container) while the other listens. Using the “telephone” the children can have a conversation.



What to do:

With a partner have children practise what they would say when reporting a fire to police or fire service.

One child will make the call to report the fire.

The other child will be the telephone operator receiving the call.

Things to think about:

1. What do they need to know when making the phone call? (Their name and address.)
2. How can they make the operator's job easier? (Know the place and describe what they see. Explain that the 000 number is traceable so if they don't know where exactly they are the emergency services will be able to trace the location.)
3. What do you need to remember about the '000' number? (Used in emergencies for fire, police, ambulance, is traceable.)

