

The Big Picture

What is an emergency?

Objectives

Pupils should know when it is appropriate to call the emergency services.

Curriculum Links

PSE

- develop an understanding about dangers in the home and outside environment

Resources

- Downloadable Scenario cards
- Appropriate card
- Inappropriate card
- “999 or Not?” worksheet

5 Minute Lesson Plan : 999 or not?

Activity

Voting with their feet whether the scenario on the card is appropriate to dial 999 or not

LNf Links

- Oracy: Developing & presenting information and ideas
- Speaking & Listening
- Reading: Locating, selecting & Using information
- Writing: Organising ideas & information



999 or Not? Lesson Plan

Learning Outcome

Pupils should know when it is appropriate to call the emergency services

Resources

Scenario cards

Appropriate  card

Inappropriate  card

“999 or Not?” worksheet

Lesson content

This activity can be undertaken in a few ways, possible options include;

Set aside one side of the class for appropriate  and the other for inappropriate



- students have to vote with their feet by going to one or the other.

Or the teacher holds up cards at the front and the pupils can feed back as to whether it's appropriate to call 999 or not.

Start the session by asking what is meant by the word ‘emergency’, explain that an emergency is a situation where someone needs help quickly. That person may have been badly hurt in an accident, or they might be ill or unconscious.

Explain that we are going to look at some pictures and that they must decide whether it is appropriate or not to ring 999 in these situations.

As a follow up the children can complete the “999 or Not?” worksheet, where they can think of their own scenarios that qualify as a 999 call and some that don't.

**999 or Not?
Resources**

Cut , print & laminate







A cat stuck up a tree





A grazed elbow



A road traffic accident



A small fire in a field





An unconscious person



A nose bleed



Lost and can't find the shops



A stomach ache



Feeling bored

Answers and points to highlight

Cat stuck up a tree – **NO** – This is a job for the RSPCA, it does not require a 999 call

Grazed elbow – **NO** – This can be dealt with by parents or a responsible adult at school

Road traffic accident – **YES** – The police need to be called and possibly an ambulance if someone is hurt.

Small fire in a field – **YES** – The quicker the fire service can get there, the less damage and potential loss of life/injury caused.

Unconscious person – **Yes** – They need medical attention right away.

Nose bleed – **NO** – This can be dealt with by a parent or responsible adult at school, however if this happens persistently they need to make an appointment to see their Doctor.

Lost and can't find the shops – **NO** – Ask someone for directions or read a map.

Stomach ache – **NO** – You need to stay home until you feel better. If you're not better after a day or two you need to see your Doctor.

Feeling bored – **NO** – This would be a hoax call and wastes millions of pounds each year as well as putting lives at risk.

999 or Not? Worksheet

Think of some more ideas for this chart

Emergency (call 999)	Not an emergency