Bystander Activity

1. Handout a scenario to a small group of students
2. Ask them to explain the possible things that would be going through their head if they encountered that scenario … both good and bad things … things that may or may not keep them from intervening.
3. Ask them to explain several possible actions that they could take … include options at the extremes.
4. Ask them to identify the actions or actions that an active bystander trying to help the situation would do.

Scenarios (from <https://www.mvpstrat.com/resources/downloadable-tools/>)

**♂ Illegal Motion --** At a party, you see a male friend trying to get an obviously drunk woman to leave with him. She’s not just buzzed; she’s stumbling over her own feet. You know the woman, and she seems reluctant.

**♂ Instant Replay** -- You’re home alone and you get a text message from a male friend. It contains an attachment with a sexually explicit photo of his ex-girlfriend. She’s posing nude and sexy, like a porn model.

**♂ Down Over --** your friend constantly sends his girlfriend text messages, asking her where she is, who she’s with, what she’s doing. This isn’t just friendly chat; you get the feeling that he’s obsessed and jealous, and always needs to know her every move.

**♀ Illegal Motion** -- You’re at a party where people are drinking. A friend of yours has gotten drunk, and a guy is trying to convince her to go into a bedroom with him. She seems reluctant.

**♀ Foul Ball** -- You’re hanging out on campus with some of your female friends. Guys in the group nearby start making sexual gestures and harassing remarks about one of your friends, commenting about her body and clothing and teasing her that she enjoys the attention. You can tell your friend is getting upset, but no one else is saying anything.

**♀ Down Over** -- Your friend constantly receives text messages from her boyfriend. He asks her where she is, who she’s with, what she’s doing. This isn’t just friendly chat; you get the feeling that he’s obsessed and jealous, and always needs to know her every move. She has never told you that she’s uncomfortable with this, but you are concerned that this is an unhealthy relationship.