

Emergency Loop Chase Game – Requirement 1

Help your Cubs learn about what to do in an emergency situation that involves one of the key utilities: electricity, gas or water.

You will need:

- Two copies of the Emergency Loop Chase resource – downloadable from <http://fundraising.scouts.org.uk/northern-powergrid/>
- Phone numbers written in large on cards (optional, see below)

Before the session

Take time to familiarise yourself with the layout of the loop chase cards. Unusually the questions (in the form of a statement) are on the right hand side and the answers (the ends of statements) are on the left. This is because the questions correspond to the answers on the next strip, which ensures that the statements flow on from card to card, creating a loop.

Print out two copies of the Emergency Loop Chase resource. One copy should be kept intact and should be the leader's copy. The other copy needs to be cut into strips, so that each line of the answer and question is separate from all the others. There is a blank space for the final answer.

As different parts of the country are fed by different water utility companies, it is important that the young people know which company to contact for a water leak. To keep the resources reusable, and to encourage your Cubs to respect them, you might want to print onto card or even laminate the resources, before cutting them up.

You may also wish to create some extra information cards to stick around the room with the emergency numbers for each type of utility. The Electricity Power Cut number is 105; the National Gas emergency number is 0800 111 999; the water emergency number will depend on which water region you are in, and will require a quick internet search.

Instructions

Introduction:

Discuss the types of emergencies that may occur with the three main utilities, focusing on electricity power cuts, gas leaks or water leaks (burst pipes).

Ask the Cubs if they've been involved in any of these situations before and what they should do in case of each of these emergencies.

Information about each emergency is provided below:

Power cuts: Check the lights in different rooms.

Get a parent or carer to check the electricity meter and trip the switches.

Call 105, the free national number for power cuts.

Ensure everyone in the house knows the location of the meter, trip the switches and use emergency lighting such as a torch.

Gas leaks: If you smell gas and suspect a leak, you need to act FAST.

NEVER use a naked flame or electricity switches.

Open all windows and doors for ventilation.

Call 0800 111 999 immediately. They'll sort out the problem and tell you what to do to stay safe. It's free to call and the number is the same wherever you live.

A note on gas safety: Do your Cubs know about carbon monoxide? You can't see it, taste it or smell it. Over time it can cause serious health problems and can even kill. About 50 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. Inhaling carbon monoxide prevents oxygen from being carried around your body.

Household appliances such as gas fires, boilers, cookers and open fires that use gas, oil, coal and wood may be possible sources of carbon monoxide gas. Carbon monoxide is released when an appliance is faulty and the fuel does not burn properly.

Every home should have a carbon monoxide alarm. The alarms cost around £15 from a local DIY store. Your energy supplier may be able to provide you with one for free.

Water leaks: Turn off the water supply at the mains stopcock.
Contact your local water board.

Priority Services Register: The Priority Services Register is designed for vulnerable people that would need extra support in the event of a power cut or interruption to their supply. You can sign them up for free by telephoning 105. Find out more information here: <http://bit.ly/2ffiXk7>

Main activity:

Hand out the Emergency Loop Chase to the Cubs. Some Cubs may have more than one. The young person with the "Start" card reads out the first statement (question) on the right. The young person with the correct closing statement (answer) reads their card; beginning with the answer and then the statement following it. The young person with this correct answer then reads their card and so on. Continue the game until the young people reach the card with "Finish" on.

Reshuffle and redistribute the cards. The first time you play, it is likely that there will be long pauses and some incorrect answers. Repeat the game until answers are free flowing. You might even want to aim to complete a run through in a set time.

An alternative way to play the game is by having all the cards stuck up around the room, and the Cubs will have to search for the correct answer.

Activity 2:

Go on a tour of your meeting place and try and locate the:

- Fuse box
- Water stopcock
- Gas meter

Discuss safety of each item, such as don't touch the fuse box!

Start	One of the most obvious indicators of an electricity power failure is when...
✂ <i>the lights go out unexpectedly.</i>	A more common name for an electricity power failure is...
✂ <i>a power cut.</i>	A good way to check whether your house is experiencing a full power cut is...
✂ <i>to check the lights in another room to see if they come on.</i> ✂	When you are sure you are experiencing an electricity power failure, your parent or carer should call...
<i>105, from any phone.</i>	Calls to the 105 power cut number are...
✂ <i>free of charge.</i>	When they ring the 105 power cut number, your parent or carer may be asked to...
✂ <i>check your electricity meter to see if your house is receiving an electricity supply.</i>	In case of a power cut, it is useful for everyone in your family to know the location of your...
✂ <i>electricity meter and trip switches.</i>	If you are experiencing a gas leak, you may notice...
✂ <i>a strange smell, like rotten eggs.</i>	If you suspect a gas leak, your parent or carer must...

<i>phone the National Gas Emergency Service immediately.</i>	To phone the National Gas Emergency Service, your parent or carer should call...
<i>✂ 0800 111 999</i>	If you suspect a gas leak, you must not...
<i>✂ use any naked flames or activate electricity switches.</i>	To help you breathe safely during a gas leak, you should...
<i>✂ open all doors and windows.</i>	When your parent or carer calls the National Gas emergency service, they may be asked to...
<i>✂ turn the gas off at the meter.</i>	If you have a water leak in your house, you can usually stop it temporarily by...
<i>✂ turning your water supply off at the mains.</i>	To turn the water off at the mains, you need to turn off...
<i>✂ the main water cut off valve, often called a stopcock.</i>	Once you have isolated a water leak, your parent or carer should call...
<i>✂ your water utility company.</i>	The main water utility company in our region is...
<i>✂ Anglian Water</i>	Finish