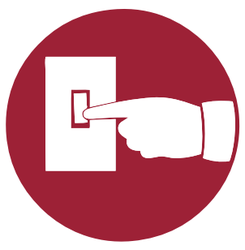
3. HOW TO COPE WHEN A FIRE STARTS

Discuss in groups :
What you should do and when to call the emergency services?

If a fire breaks out, it is very important to remain calm to deal with the situation effectively. Remember - panic spreads quicker than fire itself!

Turn the electricity or gas supply off. If you cannot turn the gas off, get out fast!



Close all windows and doors behind you. If you cut off the air supply, the fire cannot burn so fast.



Smother small fires with a wet towel or blanket.



Use water to put out wood, paper or material fires. Use sand to put out paraffin or oil fires.



Call the emergency services if the fire gets out of hand. Don't wait too long, it can spread very quickly!



Give the correct address and also a landmark nearby (like a shop or a school).



Allow the trained emergency services personnel to do their work without getting in their way.

Emergency contact numbers:
HELP! 107 or 021 480 7700

DEMONSTRATE AND ROLE PLAY

- For role playing, each participant should call emergency services and give relevant info.
- They should also demonstrate how to deal with different types of fires. Provide buckets of sand and water as well as a wet towel.

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