

FIRST AID Box

Objectives

Students will learn the following:

- > What is a first aid kit
- > Importance of being prepared
- > How to do the DRAB assessment
- > Why and how to call 911
- > Common ailments and treatments
- > RICE rule for sprains or strains
- > Hands-on activities (emergency role play, bandaging hand and head, arm sling, etc.)
- > Global Feature & National Park Spotlight
- > Empathy around disabilities

Materials

The materials included in the box are:

- > First Aid resource cards
- > First aid kit
- > Thermometer
- > Elastic bandage
- > Activity supplies (tongue depressors)

Discussion

You may want to use the following as a discussion guide with your child:

- > Why is it important to be prepared for an emergency?
- > Why is it important to know your limitations and plan ahead?
- > Why should your safety come first?
- What are some of the most important emergency number and contacts you should know?
- > Why is trying to remain calm one of the most important things to do in an emergency?

Evaluation

Test your child's newfound knowledge with the following questions:

- > What is your local emergency number?
- > What are the four (4) parts of the DRAB assessment?
- > What is the normal body temperature for most people?
- > Think R.I.C.E. after sprains or strains. What does RICE stand for?
- > What is the difference between a burn and a skald?
- > It is important to practice your first aid skills, because practice makes _____!

Vocabulary*

*provided by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary

Ailment – A bodily disorder or chronic disease. CONTEXT: Knowing the signs of common ailments can help you properly treat them.

Bandage – A strip of fabric used especially to cover, dress, and bind up wounds. CONTEXT: A sling bandage is used to support an injured arm.

Concussion – A stunning, damaging, or shattering effect from a hard blow. CONTEXT: Falling and hitting your head may cause a concussion.

Emergency – An unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. CONTEXT: Different emergencies may call for different actions.

Fever – A rise of body temperature above the normal. CONTEXT: Fevers can be very dangerous if your temperature rises too high.

Fracture – The act or process of breaking or the state of being broken. CONTEXT: Fractures often need to be immobilized.

Immobilize – To prevent freedom of movement or effective use of. CONTEXT: Some injuries require that you immobilize the affected area so no further damage happens.

Injury – Hurt, damage, or loss sustained. CONTEXT: Most injuries are minor and are not an emergency.

Treat – To care for or deal with medically or surgically. CONTEXT: Your first aid kit will provide you a way to treat minor injuries.