Emergency!

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This guidance supports teachers in leading a structured discussion that helps children plan and create a story based on an emergency situation. Through teacher-led conversation, questioning, and shared ideas, students are encouraged to explore what emergencies are, how people respond to them, and how people might think and feel during an emergency.

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
Introduce the scenario	**Choose the emergency**	**Discuss feelings**	**Who to call**	**Remember**

Step 1 – Introduce the scenario

Teacher to read the sentence prompt aloud and give students the options.

"Today, we are going to imagine that we are at _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , and something unexpected happens."

Step 2 – Choose the emergency

Give students the option of one of the listed emergencies.

"Suddenly, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _"

Remind students "An emergency is when something happens and we need special people trained to care."

Step 3 – Discuss feelings

Ask students "How might we feel when something unexpected happens?"

Note down their answers.

Explain "It is okay to feel that way. What is the most important thing we should do first?"
Guide them towards: Stay calm and tell a grown-up.

Step 4 – Who to call

Ask students:
"When there is an emergency, who should we go to?"

Remind students what number to call in an emergency.
Ask students to name the emergency services that can be called and which is best to call (based on the emergency chosen)

Remember

Remind students "The emergency services have special people trained to care"

Explain to students that we only call 999 in an emergency

Discuss each non- emergency below and ask students who can help them (their grown-ups)

This is important to recognise the difference between emergencies and emotional situations for children

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Choose a setting

☐ School
☐ Home
☐ Beach
☐ Park

Choose ONE emergency

☐ Someone feels sick and needs help
☐ Someone gets lost
☐ Someone gets stuck in the mud
☐ Someone is struggling to swim

Examples of expected answers

☐ Worried
☐ Scared
☐ Confused
☐ Surprised
☐ Upset

Guide answers toward:

☐ Fire and Rescue Service
☐ Ambulance
☐ Police
☐ Coastguard

Examples of non-emergencies

☐ Dropped your ice-cream
☐ Bumped your knee
☐ Lost your favourite toy